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A local business instructor and a professor from the U.S. mainland are the finalists for the vacant president position at the Northern Marianas College.

A highly placed source at the college told *Saipan Tribune* that Rik Villegas, an NMC instructor, and Betsy Boze,



Villegas



Boze

professor at Kent State University, are the top candidates that had been select-

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» **Senator wants substitute marijuana bill**
» **Stanley to file new one for 'medicinal' use only**

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Sen. Luis Crisostimo (D-Saipan) said he will either propose a substitute bill to Rep. Stanley Torres' proposal to legalize marijuana for all purposes, or introduce a new bill that will only allow marijuana for medicinal purposes. But other senators still want to kill the bill during Friday's session on Rota.



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SECURED MAIL

Ricardo Montezor, a contractor, works on the finishing touches of newly installed mailboxes with individual keys for members of the Legislature at the legislative building on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon. These mailboxes used to be pigeonholes but the Legislative Bureau refurbished the structure and put covers and keys on each box for document safety and security.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Mobil follows Shell's gas price hikes

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Mobil Oil Marianas raised its pump prices by 5 to 7 cents a gallon at 3pm yesterday, three days after Shell increased its prices by 5 cents a gallon on Friday night.

But Mobil's 7-cent increase for super gasoline merely mirrors Shell's price.

Mobil's super gasoline used to be 2 cents lower than Shell's premium gasoline.

The two oil giants always have the same price for self-service regular gas-

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Tourist remains missing; search ends

» **Third missing victim so far this year**

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Local authorities ended yesterday their

search and rescue operation after failing to locate a Japanese tourist who has been reported missing since Friday off the shore of the Aqua Resort Club in Achugao, Saipan.

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Local

Man, 44, arrested for alleged rape of minor Girl, 14, says she was repeatedly raped since she was 10

A 44-year-old man who allegedly repeatedly raped a minor since she was 10 years old was arrested Saturday after police were tipped off by an anonymous caller.

The 14-year-old victim later told police that Mekin Junior Joseph was usually drunk whenever he raped her and that he had threatened to kill her if she reports the matter to the police.

Joseph, a Palauan, was taken to the Superior Court yesterday morning on charges of sexual

assault in the first degree (rape), sexual abuse of a minor, assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at \$100,000 cash.

Preliminary hearing is on Nov. 22, 2010 at 9am.

Associate Judge Kenneth Govendo appointed assistant public defender Adam Miles to serve as counsel for the suspect.

Detective Melissa Bauleong stated in her report that she had received a call Friday

morning from an anonymous person who reported a sexual abuse case in Kagman.

Bauleong said she then contacted the Division of Youth Services and explained to DYS personnel about the information she had received.

DYS social worker Julian Camacho proceeded to the school where the alleged victim goes to and interviewed her there, during which she allegedly confessed that Joseph has been raping her since she was 10 years old.

The latest incident allegedly happened last Wednesday, Nov. 10, when Joseph raped her and then threatened to kill her if she reports the matter to the police.

The girl told police that during the first rape she kicked the suspect as she tried to fight him off. She said the suspect continued raping her even when she complained of pain.

Whenever she refused to have sex, Joseph would allegedly threaten her with a knife. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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A weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority
Tourism is everybody's business.

Northern Marianas Promoted on Korea Home Shopping Channels



The Marianas Visitors Authority and its tourism partners featured travel packages to the

Northern Mariana Islands on three Korean home shopping networks in October 2010, with the goal of selling a combined 1,750 packages to the islands by mid-December.

In mid-October, travel packages to the Northern Marianas were featured for a full hour each on **NH Home Shopping**, **CJO Shopping**, and **Lotte Home Shopping**. The promotions were led by travel agencies **OK Tours**, **Hana Tour**, and **Lotte JTB**, with supporting contributions from **Saipan World Resort**, **Hyatt Regency Saipan**, **Asiana Airlines**, and the **MVA**. Special benefits were given to those who booked packages during the television features. The promotion continues to be advertised on the travel agencies website banners and on-line event pages, as well as through other brochures, posters, and other products.



Korea is a primary tourism market of the Northern Marianas. In Fiscal Year 2010, Korea registered 108,079 visitors to the islands, about 37 percent of total visitor arrivals.



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Inos vetoes bill preventing CUC from averaging power bills

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Man allegedly hits woman with PVC pipe

Police arrested yesterday a man who allegedly hit a woman on the head with a PVC pipe, causing injuries on her forehead.

Roberto M. De Guzman, 55, was taken to the Superior Court yesterday afternoon on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and disturbing the peace.

Bail was set at \$5,250 cash. Preliminary hearing is on Nov. 23.

Detective Buddy Igitol stated in his report that the alleged assault occurred on Oct. 9, 2010, at the victim's house near the Muslim Church in Garapan.

Igitol stated that a police officer responded to a call about a disturbance in Garapan on Oct. 9 at 9:11pm.

When the officer arrived at the scene, the victim, Priscilla C. Tadeo, told him she was attacked by De Guzman. The officer noticed that Tadeo had contusions on the forehead and right arm.

Igitol said that De Guzman had already fled and could not be found.

Medics brought Tadeo to the Commonwealth Health Center where she was treated and released.

Tadeo told police that she was inside her barracks when De Guzman arrived, shouting for her husband and breaking glass cups outside the room.

Tadeo came out and asked the suspect what the problem was. De Guzman allegedly hit Tadeo with a PVC pipe and then fled. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Aging director unable to attend conference

Office on Aging Director Rose Mondala was unable to attend the Senior Community Service Employment Program training conference in Washington D.C. due to illness.

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Melvin Faisao confirmed that Mondala did not attend the training conference organized by the U.S. Department of Labor because of flu.

The Senior Community Service Employment Program is a subsidized, service-based training for low-income individuals 55 years or older who are unemployed and have poor employment prospects.

Faisao told *Saipan Tribune* that the Aging Office will inform the Department of Labor about the situation and request for an equivalent web seminar or a webinar training for Mondala.

According to Faisao, the Aging Office had once undergone a similar webinar training in the past. *(Clarissa David)*

Acting governor Eloy S. Inos vetoed yesterday a bill seeking to prevent the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. from averaging power bills from month to month if meter reading is not

obtained, saying that the proposals in the legislation "will surely cripple CUC and may adversely affect the Commonwealth as a whole at some point."

"The averaging mechanism

is fair and objective. CUC takes the last six months of measured usage, eliminates the highest and lowest months, then averages the other four months," Inos said in his veto message to Sen-

ate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota) and House Speaker Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan).

Senate Bill 17-40 was co-authored by Sen. Juan Ayuyu (Ind-Rota) and Senate floor leader Pete Reyes (R-Saipan).

Inos said the bill's proposed dispute resolution, which automatically favors the customer, is "unreasonable," while its provision on security deposits may be "discriminatory."

Inos said some customers file disputes just to delay the billing process.

"In order for this section of the measure to be possible, CUC will need more reliable meters, more meter readers, and more hearing

officers," Inos added.

CUC bills are at times averaged because meters are broken or inoperable, because meters may be behind locked gates, making it inaccessible, or for other reasons.

In addition, there is a law that prevents CUC from billing for more than 32 days in a billing cycle.

"Therefore, if for some reason a reading is not obtained, CUC cannot wait until the following month to bill the actual usage," Inos said.

Inos, a former Finance secretary, said the bill's proposal to amend the provision on security deposits may be discriminatory.

Jury trial of man in rape case begins

The jury trial of a man accused of repeatedly raping a woman in San Vicente began yesterday.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman completed in the morning the jury selection in the case against 53-year-old Michael Blodak. Opening arguments were scheduled in the afternoon.

The trial will continue today at 9am.

The Office of the Attorney General has charged Blodak with two counts of sexual as-

sault in the first degree.

The first count refers to the alleged sexual assault that happened from December 2009 to April 2010. The second count refers to the alleged sexual assault on April 18, 2010.

According to police, the victim alleged that Blodak sexually assaulted her eight times from December 2009 to April 2010—three times when she was intoxicated and five times when she was sober.

Sentencing of two defendants in murder of MHS security guard postponed anew

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The Superior Court postponed yesterday the sentencing of two defendants in the 2008 murder case of a Marianas High School security guard to give them and their lawyers more time to prepare.

The new sentencing date for Eric Rabauliman and Edward Blas will now be on Jan. 6, 2011, at 9am.

The two's sentencing was scheduled yesterday, but their lawyers, Lillian Tenorio and Bruce Berline, asked Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja to move the sentencing to Jan. 5, 2011 or later, due to their need "for additional time to meet with their respective clients and prepare

for sentencing in this matter."

The defense lawyers said there is little, if any, prejudice in this matter as Blas and Rabauliman are already in custody pursuant to a plea agreement that sets the sentencing range between 22 years and 27 years.

Assistant attorney general Brian Gallagher, the main prosecutor in the case, was also busy with a jury trial yesterday.

In the case of the third defendant, Randy Igisomar, assistant attorney general Russell Lorring told the court that the parties are still pursuing plea negotiations at this time.

Naraja set a status conference for Jan. 24, 2011, in the case against Igisomar.

The Office of the Attorney General had charged the three

with first-degree murder, burglary, conspiracy to commit assault with a dangerous weapon and burglary, theft, and assault with a dangerous weapon.

Rabauliman and Blas have already pleaded guilty to first-degree murder. The original sentencing date was May 20, 2010.

The defendants are accused of killing Efren Laguna Ballesteros on or about Nov. 17 or 18, 2008.

When the incident happened, the suspects were students at MHS. Rabauliman was 18, while Igisomar and Blas were both 16.

Ballesteros, 45, was found dead at the MHS campus where he was assigned as a security guard. His wallet containing \$300 cash was reportedly stolen, along with his wristwatch.

Several classrooms were burglarized and some laptops and money were stolen.

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Fitial back in San Francisco for Region 9 federal regional council

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After three months, Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is back in San Francisco, Califor-

nia, this time to attend a meeting of the Region IX Federal Regional Council. He left yesterday and is expected to be back for Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 25.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos is acting CNMI governor.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday that this is an official travel paid for by the governor's official ac-

count. Demapan said Fitial is accompanied by first lady Josie Fitial.

"Governor Fitial and the rest of the chief executives from the Micronesian region will be meeting with the Region IX Federal Regional Council in San Francisco," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune*.

Demapan said the highlight of this meeting is a discussion on the "Overview of the U.S. government's resources to the Outer Pacific Islands, including the Interagency Group on Insular Affairs, Pacific Islands Office of the Environmental Protection Agency, FRC Outer Pacific Committee, and the FRC Report on Grants to the Outer Pacific."

The Federal Regional Council is a consortium of 19 separate federal departments and agencies representing

nearly 30 different program offices in Region IX which covers Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Outer Pacific Islands.

Demapan said Fitial will not be visiting other states after his trip to San Francisco.

In August, Fitial also left for San Francisco to attend the Aug. 8 to 11 Association of Defense Communities' 2010 Annual Conference.

The conference tackled issues such as base redevelopment, environmental remediation, defense real estate, community-military partnering, sustainability, financing and energy, and mission growth.

The August trip was funded through a Department of Defense grant awarded to the CNMI Department of Commerce. The governor also attended a Region IX Federal Regional Council meeting after the Defense conference.

Toy drive for Rota children launched

For Julie Ogo Manglona, one of the best ways to honor her mother, the late Bernadita Manglona, is to give back to the community, particularly to the children of Rota where she's from.

Manglona officially launched yesterday her "Toy Drive for Luta's Tots" by placing boxes at select offices on Saipan and she hopes these boxes will be filled with new and used toys from donors before Christmas.

"Our goal is to have 500 toys by Dec. 15, to be given to the children of Rota on or before Christmas....This is the first time my family, relatives and I will be doing this. And I am dedicating this to the one who adopted me since I was 3 years old, my mom, Bernadita A. Manglona," Manglona told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at the office of Senate President Paul A. Manglona (R-Rota).



Julie O. Manglona, left, poses with Senate President Paul Manglona (R-Rota) and other employees at the Legislature right after placing a box for her "Toy Drive for Luta's Tots" at the Senate president's office yesterday afternoon. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

She also went to the offices of other Rota senators and House members yesterday, to place the boxes.

Earlier yesterday, she said she also placed boxes at the Koblerville Youth Learning Center and the Rota Liaison Office on Navy Hill.

Those on the mainland or places outside the CNMI can also help give

toys to Rota children by ordering toys through www.lutacares.org and Julie Manglona will pick up the toys to be given to children.

Besides this community project, Julie Manglona also started a blog that talks mostly about Rota issues. It can be accessed at ayudaluta.blogspot.com. (Haidee V. Eugenio)

TOURIST

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Police spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. identified the missing swimmer as Takeo Kawashiri, 53.

Kawashiri was reportedly last seen wearing a pair of blue shorts and black booties. He had no shirt on and was carrying a blue metallic underwater camera.

Blas said the Department of Public Safety received a call on Friday of an overdue swimmer at the Aqua Resort Club's beach site.

Preliminary investigation showed that the victim and a companion had gone snorkeling at the beach site of Aqua Resort Club at 11am.

Later, due to heavy rain and poor visibility, the companion returned to the poolside of the hotel, leaving behind Kawashiri, who was still snorkeling in waist-deep water.

At 1pm, the companion checked on

Kawashiri, but could not find him anywhere in the water or beach site. The companion reported the victim missing to the hotel's front desk and asked for help.

The hotel's front desk asked Shawn Mendiola, a staff of Aqua Marine Sports, to help look for the victim in the water using their vessel.

Mendiola searched the waters from Aqua Resort beach north to Paupau Beach and south to the Tanapag lagoon, but failed to find the victim.

DPS Boating Safety Section then launched two jet skis, while the Emergency Management Office and DPS Fire Search and Rescue Unit personnel joined the search.

At 5pm, a Navy helicopter arrived from Guam and flew over the area to look for the victim.

Blas said the search continued throughout the weekend and resumed yesterday.

In a statement issued yesterday, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam's Lt. Junior

Grade Wade Thompson said the U.S. Coast Guard suspended its search on Sunday.

"The active search is suspended pending further developments in the case," he said.

Kawashiri and the companion are regular guests of Aqua Resort Club.

On Friday, Corrections Officer Jesus Castro, who was spear fishing with a companion, drowned outside the reef of Obyan Beach.

On Oct. 27, Japanese tourist Masaaki Isobe was reported missing while snorkeling with some tourists at the reef line at Tank Beach in Kagman. Local and federal authorities conducted search and rescue operations for three days, but failed to find the victim.

Last August, a man drowned while his companion was not located when they reportedly fell into the water while fishing at the cliff line of Naftan Point in Obyan, Saipan. Both victims were Chinese nationals.

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The CNMI Board of Education has approved the use of \$5 million from phase 2 of the state fiscal stabilization fund to pay for teachers' wages and school operations.

Of the amount, \$1.7 million will be earmarked for salaries of teachers and support staff of Garapan Elementary School, which has 60 teachers and teacher aides.

Some \$1.5 million will be awarded to William S. Reyes Elementary School,

which has 60 teachers and teacher aides.

Dandan Elementary School, which has 40 teachers and teacher aides, will get \$1 million, while Tanapag Elementary will be allocated \$766,000 for its 20 teachers and teacher aides.

Each school's proposed allocation also includes funding for their utility costs this fiscal year.

The reallocation of the phase 2 grant will reduce the projected expenditures for repair, renovations, and modernization by \$3 million; for career and technical education by \$1.5 million; and for projected administrative costs by \$500,000.

MOBIL

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oline, now at \$3.929 a gallon. Full-service regular gasoline at Mobil and Shell service stations is now \$4.059 a gallon.

Diesel at Mobil stations is now \$4.099 a gallon, while at Shell stations, \$4.109 a gallon.

This is the first round of gas price increases in seven months; the last one was in April.

Saipan motorists interviewed said they easily feel the impact of every pump price increase on their wallet.

"So now if you put \$5 in your car, the gauge would go up a little lower than usual," one of the motorists said.

For others, more money spent on gasoline means less money for other basic needs such as food.

Shell and Mobil do not issue advance notices of price increases. Saipan motorists know about such price changes only by the price displays at gasoline service stations.

VILLEGAS

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ed and recommended by the presidential search panel to the NMC Board of Regents.

Villegas, an instructor at NMC's business department, obtained his bachelor's degree from the Utah State University; his master's from Abilene Christian University in Texas; and M.Ed. from Utah State University. His specialty is management, introduction to business, and marketing and selling.

Boze is a marketing professor at Kent State University and a senior fellow at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. She earned her bachelor's in Psychology and master's in Business Administration degrees from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and studied international management at Monterrey Institute of Technology in Monterrey, Mexico, and Japanese at International Christian University in Mitaka, Japan. She earned her Ph.D. in Business Ad-

ministration from the University of Arkansas, majoring in marketing, with minors in economics and sociology.

The presidential search panel earlier disclosed that two individuals scored the highest among the four candidates they interviewed. The panel received 12 applications for the NMC presidential post.

In a statement yesterday, NMC said the search committee transmitted the names of the two final candidates to the board on Oct. 7.

"The submission of the names of the final candidates comes after a five-month, nationwide search coordinated by members of the presidential search committee," the statement said.

It said background checks are now being conducted on the candidates and the board anticipates that this important stage of the search process will occur until about the end of the month.

"It's highly important that all the stages of the search process are conducted in a focused, thoughtful, and careful manner, and we thank the college community and the public for their

patience and cooperation," said Frank Rabauliman, Board of Regents acting chairperson.

The board expects to interview the top candidates in person during the first week of December. It will then make its selection after contract negotiations during an announced board meeting. NMC said the meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-December.

NMC has had seven presidents in the last 10 years. Its last one, Carmen Fernandez, was fired on April 12 this year after two investigations against her involving the changing of students' grades and other personnel concerns. Fernandez is now suing the college for this; the college has filed a countersuit.

The search for a new president was earlier expected to be finished by September. It now enters its seventh month.

Saipan Tribune learned that among the factors that delayed the final selection process was the filing of a complaint by one of the initial applicants from off-island; this was later resolved by the search panel.

MARIJUANA

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Torres (Ind-Saipan), at the same time, said yesterday that if the Senate rejects his bill, he will introduce a new one that proposes to legalize marijuana only for medicinal use.

Torres said some senators and even Gov. Benigno R. Fitial have expressed support for medical marijuana legislation.

"I think that the Senate will consider medical marijuana more," he said.

Torres found an ally in Crisostimo, who said he supports a medical marijuana bill. He said other people, including the elderly, use marijuana anyway for their ailments.

"But now they stopped the treatment because it's been harder to get marijuana here," he said.

Crisostimo claimed that at least three senators are backing him up on a substitute bill. But one of the senators he mentioned separately said yesterday he does not support the bill, especially without thorough study, while the other two could not be reached for comment.

In a separate interview, Senate Presi-

dent Paul Manglona (R-Rota) said he is asking his colleagues to reject the House marijuana bill but he said if there are senators in support of medical marijuana legislation, then there should be a new bill focusing on legalizing marijuana only for medical purposes.

Torres' HB 17-45, which passed the House on a 10-7 vote, proposes to legalize marijuana not only for medicinal but also for recreational and other uses.

Manglona reiterated the social ill-effects of legalizing marijuana in the CNMI, especially its impact on the youth.

Senate Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), for his part, said he thinks the marijuana bill will be defeated in the Senate.

"It's a long shot for that bill to pass," he said.

The governor said last week he would only support medical marijuana legislation, and that would further depend on how the bill is crafted.

Torres' bill seeks to legalize, regulate and tax marijuana use for medicinal and other purposes in the CNMI, adding to a list of revenue-generating bills pending in the 17th Legislature.

"I will not give up on this bill," he added yesterday.

Bermudes, Castro, San Nicolas are GTC's education awardees

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Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School hailed Raena Bermudes, Chassie Castro, and Corazon San Nicolas as its outstanding employees of the year for their dedication and commitment to serve students at GTC.

Just four years into her teaching career and teacher of the year nominee Raena Bermudes already manifests what exemplary educators have in common: a passion for teaching and a genuine care for students.

Bermudes also takes to heart the responsibility that she is entrusted in shaping children's lives. She's invested in the students and continues to go beyond expectation by continuously reflecting her teaching practices to ensure that she is meeting every student's needs.

GTC officials and her colleagues said that Bermudes also imparts valuable teaching tools and skills to future teachers as a mentor teacher for the Northern Marianas College School of Education's Student Teacher Program.

Bermudes is described as a team player, approachable,

'Underfunding, negligence hobble operation of CUC electric division'

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Underfunding and neglect has affected the power generation, distribution, and administrative side of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s electric division, hampering the delivery of reliable power supply and service to customers.

In his testimony to the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, CUC executive director Abe Utu Malae said that power plant 1 has no more spare parts and the utility desperately needs to buy them. To do so, there is a need to float a bond in order to pay for many capital items that grants will not cover, Malae said.

"Notable among this is the \$2 million replacement for our leaking oil pipeline in Lower Base. In fact, what we hope to do in order to meet EPA's mandated summer in-service date, is order the pipeline parts now, rather than wait for full contract processing," said Malae, adding that this strategy would allow CUC to avoid substantial fines.

CUC also needs money to fix its control room ceiling, which presently is lined with plastic to stop leaks, he said.

"We need to buy computers, and provide our staff with the hardware and software that will allow them to enter data, process it, generate reports automatically, and perform proper system design and planning."

In power distribution, Malae



Bermudes

open to ideas, and willing to share her experience and strategies with other teachers.

Because Bermudes believes that parental involvement is critical to student success, she establishes open communication with parents and encourages them to participate in student learning through family projects, class skits or plays, educational excursion experiences and parent workshops.

Aside from her teaching duties, the teacher of the year is also actively involved in the school's leadership team/accreditation, the AmeriCorps program, NMC Student Teacher Program, Math and Social Studies learning community,

said that power lines are short on a regular basis because the pole top pins degrade relatively quickly in a salty environment.

"Many poles have exceeded their useful lives. We need staff to examine these poles properly—looking down from the top—on the kind of schedule used in our industry, and we need the parts to make replacements. We must have a sufficient number of poles in inventory to recover quickly from the next super typhoon," said Malae.

Besides line equipment, CUC also need a minimal level of remote control equipment, called Scada, to avoid faults, see them, and recover from them without sending out crews.

For the general and administrative area, Malae said new computers are needed because the existing technology—IBM 400—is close to death and has crashed so many times already.

"We lack some basic, functioning equipment for our staff—reasonably up-to-date computers and software and serviceable printers. Our telephone system is antiquated, prohibiting direct calls to our operating units, and requiring our customers to wait on hold much too long," added Malae.

Last week, CUC filed a petition to increase its current electric base rate to cover its projected shortfall and address the other important needs of the agency such as the challenges in the three main areas of its electric division.



Castro

Primary Grade Forensic Competition, and interscholastic volleyball.

"Ms. Bermudes is a caring, knowledgeable, and passionate teacher with a positive



San Nicolas

attitude toward teaching and learning. Clearly she is an asset to our school and the public school system," said GTC principal Charlotte Camacho.

Chassie Castro, the school's

teacher aide of the year award-ee, joined the Binadu Family in 2008 and is on her third year as a special education teacher aide. Through her work with special needs students, she has gained confidence in her abilities to work with children and is pursuing a field in teaching. She works one-on-one with autistic, ADHD, and children with learning disabilities by helping them stay on task.

Castro is also part of the school's intervention team that helps at-risk learners. She teaches reading mastery daily to a group of struggling students, provides music and movement activities three times a week to the full-day kindergarten program, helps with extra-curricular activities

such as interscholastic sports and school events, and also supervises students in the morning and after school to ensure student safety.

Corazon San Nicolas was adjudged the support staff of the year recipient. She joined the Binadu Team in 2008 as the school librarian and has been instrumental in ensuring that the library is equipped with an array of books for all levels of readers. She is responsible, dependable, and reliable as demonstrated by her excellent attendance record. Aside from her duties as a librarian, San Nicolas teaches reading mastery daily to a group of struggling students and supervises students in the morning and after school.

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Number of obese children doubled in last 20 years—Villagomez

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

An estimated 15 percent of American children are

obese—a twofold increase in the number of overweight children in the country in the past 20 years, according to Public Health Secretary Jo-

seph Kevin Villagomez.

“That’s more than 9 million children—one in every seven kids—who are at increased risk of weight-related chronic

diseases,” said Villagomez during the 2010 CNMI-Wide Diabetes Health Community Forum: Highway to Better Health at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort on Nov. 13.

Villagomez served as the keynote speaker of the first in a series of Diabetes Health Community Forums organized by the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition, Division of Public Health’s Diabetes Prevention and Control Program, and the Ayuda Network.

Villagomez said there is also an increase in the number of children with Type 2 diabetes, the most common form of diabetes used to be known as adult-onset diabetes.

“Research indicates that one-third of all children born in 2000 will develop Type 2 diabetes during their lifetime,” he said, adding that people with this condition have an increased risk of developing complications

such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, and blindness.

The staggering economic cost of obesity, Villagomez said, is projected at about \$117 billion in direct and indirect costs, ranked second to the cost of tobacco use.

There is, however, still time to prevent this trend among children in the CNMI, he said, through increased physical activity and healthier eating habits with the help of parents.

“It is very important for parents to take responsibility. We must teach our children to enjoy healthy foods in healthy portions and encourage them to be physically active for at least 60 minutes a day,” he said.

Villagomez also said that parents must encourage their children to spend quality time by playing ball or going for a walk instead of watching television or playing video games.

According to Villagomez,

an increase in health literacy will help educate these children on the importance of being physically active and eating enough servings of fruits and vegetables.

Villagomez urged all members of the community to work together to address the problem of obesity in the CNMI by promoting healthy living, improving health literacy, and encouraging healthier lifestyles.

The 2010 CNMI-Wide Diabetes Healthy Community Forum featured presentations and booths from various partners of the Commonwealth Diabetes Coalition

The forum, which targeted the As Teo, Papago, I Denni and Kagman villages, aims to involve the “taro roots” in addressing the issue of diabetes in the Commonwealth through targeted social and behavioral strategies.

The next forum is slated for February 2011 for residents of Capital Hill, Tanapag, Matansa, As Matuis, and Marpi.



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Members of Hinemlo Famili or the Family Wellness Group pose at their booth during the 2010 CNMI-Wide Diabetes Health Community Forum at Laolao Bay Golf and Resort last Nov. 13.

McDonald's donates to Green Meadow School



CLARISSA V. DAVID

McDonald's Saipan president and owner Joe Ayuyu, third from left, is joined by wife and general manager Marcia Ayuyu and staff during the check presentation to Green Meadow School yesterday at McDonald's Middle Road branch. McDonald's donated \$3,000 for the construction of a drop off point or waiting shed for Green Meadow students as well as the pavement of the school's walkway.

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REPORTER

McDonald's Saipan, the island's leading fastfood restaurant, donated \$3,000 yesterday to Green Meadow School that will be used to build a drop-off point or waiting shed for the school's students.

Joe Ayuyu, president and owner of McDonald's Saipan, presented the education tax credit donation to Green Meadow president Milagros Merjilla and principal Marilyn Divino in a brief ceremony yesterday morning at McDonald's Middle Road branch.

Ayuyu said yesterday's donation is part of McDonald's Saipan's community outreach program for private and public schools.

“Through the years, McDonald's has been helping different schools and this time we've chosen to make a contribution to Green Meadow School,” said Ayuyu.

Although they sometimes provide in-kind donations, Ayuyu believes that cash donations can help these schools more to fund projects that benefit students.

Beside the waiting shed project, Merjilla said a portion of the money will also be used to pave

the school's walkway. “It's a good project to keep the kids out of the sun's harmful rays and keep them dry during rainy season. We're happy that we're able to help them,” said Ayuyu.

The four-day construction project is scheduled to take place during the Thanksgiving break from Nov. 25 to 28.

Ayuyu said the donation was also made in time for Thanksgiving Day on Nov. 25.

“This donation is our way of saying thank you to these two ladies [Merjilla and Divino] for helping the students and giving them a good education,” he said.

Marcia Ayuyu, McDonald's Saipan general manager Marcia Ayuyu, said they are also thankful to the school for their regular patronage of McDonald's.

Anna Olaes, marketing manager at McDonald's Saipan, said this is the second time that the school received a donation from the fastfood restaurant.

Last year, Green Meadow School received \$2,300 after placing second in McDonald's Super Saturday Private Schools Fundraising Event.

Green Meadow School is located in Chalan Kiya.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF
ADOPTION FOR:
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LANGAHIN ITO
Minor Child

by

DAVID MESECHEBAL
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Adoption for the above-named minor child by David M. Ito Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before the Honorable Kenneth Govendo on the 16th day of December, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. or as soon as thereafter.

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/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NMHC RFP 2010-011 - AMENDMENT #02

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE TINIAN FIRE DIVISION STATION

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Tinian Fire Division Station, San Jose, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This design services is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Local Business Preference as amended by Public Law 15-95 and further amended by Public Law 15-118, is not available to local proposers in this procurement because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposals procedures shall be in full compliance with section 4-102 of the regulations.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have or obtain a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on or after Friday, November 12, 2010, at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Office, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by cash, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation). Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled on Monday, November 22, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's Tinian Field Office. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joshua T. Sasamoto, Corporate Director, NMHC, Saipan, fax to (670) 234-9021 no later than Monday, November 22, 2010 - 4:30 p.m., local time.

Proposers must submit with their proposal a Project Approach and Schedule of completion, with details how the work will be accomplished by the consultants, given the time requirements and resources available as identified in their proposals.

Proposers shall also submit a separate statement of qualifications (names and experience) not to exceed fifty (50) pages. Note that firm that submits a proposal as a prime consultant, **cannot** submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, only subcontractor may be included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposal will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of services – 30%
2. Project approach – 20%
3. Capacity to accomplish the work in the required time – 25%
4. Past performance on contract with Government on similar projects – 25%

Proposals must be sealed and marked **NMHC RFP 2010-011**. For proposal within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, December 6, 2010. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) workings for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., local time, Monday, December 6, 2010, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of a foreign country no later than Monday, December 6, 2010 - AND must be received no later than Friday, December 10, 2010. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect-engineer firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reason price is agreed upon;

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section 3-301.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Division of Procure & Supply



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SSHS students donate handmade cards to Red Cross

Saipan Southern High School students donated handmade cards to the American Red Cross CNMI Chapter for the 3rd Annual Operation CNMI Home Front Support project.

Through the SSHS Library program *Cards for Troops*, student and parent volunteers met after school to create

cards for the sons and daughters of the CNMI in the U.S. Armed Forces.

"It is a productive and meaningful service-learning activity for our students," said SSHS librarian Sudi Napalan. "Students see the need to encourage our military men and women serving for our coun-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
In this picture, John Hirsh, Claudine Atalig, Sudi Napalan, Richie Xu, Carmen Borja, and Kaelani Demapan.

try and they were very happy to make cards."

"We are very blessed to have supportive parent volunteers to encourage lifelong civic engagement through activities like these. The students are very proud of what they have contributed to strengthen our community," she added.

The cards will be packed along with other items at the Multi-Purpose Center on Nov. 27, 2010, at 8am, as part of care packages for CNMI troops.

The students and the Saipan Southern High library give special thanks to Jill Arenovski, Kerry Rabago, Dorsha Guinto and Craig Garrison. (PR)



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Open auditions for FoA production

Friends of the Arts announces its upcoming auditions for *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Auditions are open to the general public, and will be held on Nov. 19, 6pm-8pm, and Nov. 20, 3pm-5pm at Hal Easton's classroom at Marianas High School: D-102. All ages welcome to audition. For more information, contact Frank Gibson at

flgibson@yahoo.com. (PR)

SHEFA board meeting today

The Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance board of directors will be having its regular meeting today, Nov. 16, at 9am, at the SHEFA office in Garapan, Saipan.

The agenda will include the standing committees reports, staffing needs, status of the administrator's contract, pending awards check issuance, and level of funding availability. (PR)

Cha Cha Ocean View sets report card night

The Cha Cha Ocean View Jr. High School will be having its report card night and PTSA meeting on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, from 5pm to 7pm. Cha Cha staff is encouraging all parents and guardians to join us in our first SY 2010-2011 report card night. For more information, call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100.

'Freshmen Literacy Night' at Kagman High today

Kagman High School is hosting the "Freshmen Literacy Night" in coordination with the Parent Teacher Student Association during the monthly meeting today, Nov. 16, from 5pm to 6pm, in the school cafeteria. Important PTSA, school and freshmen class matters will be discussed. The freshmen class counselor will be available for inquiries as well. Should you have any questions, call Kagman High School at 664-3780. (PR)

PTSA meeting at SSHS tomorrow

To all parents and legal guardians of Saipan Southern High School students, there will be a PTA meeting tomorrow, Nov. 17, 2010, at 6pm to 7pm in the Manta café. Term I report cards are scheduled for pickup on Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010, from 3pm to 6pm at the counseling office. All students will be released at 1pm. (PR)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

The CNMI Capital Improvement Program Office/Office of the Governor is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) addressing the site selection for a regulatory compliant landfill on the island of Rota.

In partial fulfillment of the National Environmental Policy Act, a public scoping meeting will be held on Rota at the following time and place:

December 7, 2010 (Tuesday) at the Rota Roundhouse in Songsong from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this meeting and learn about the proposed landfill sites and to provide oral and/or written comments on specific issues for consideration in the EA. A translator will be in attendance to assist those who wish to submit comments, ask questions, or discuss issues in Chamorro.

Written comments may also be mailed to the address below and be postmarked by January 8, 2011.

Rota Landfill Site Selection Project
P.O. Box 502802
Saipan, MP 96950

If you prefer, comments may be submitted by e-mail to Rota.landfill.project@gmail.com before January 8, 2011.

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CUC-RFP-11-007

DRINKING WATER & WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN, CNMI

The Office of the Governor, Benigno R. Fitial and the office of Lt. Governor, Eloy S. Inos through the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals for the preparation of a Sanitation Facilities Master Plan for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project consists, in general, of performing a Sanitation Facilities Master Plan for Saipan, Tinian and Rota in accordance with the Stipulated Order 1 for Preliminary Injunctive Relief (See <http://www.saipanchamber.com/newsletters/182.pdf>.)

The RFP and Scope-of-Work will be made available electronically to all interested Offerors, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment of \$200 on or before December 16, 2010 by the CUC. Please refer to website www.cucnmi.com for detailed instruction in obtaining a bid package and additional information.

One (1) original and seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-11-007, Drinking Water & Wastewater Master Plan, CNMI" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, M.P. 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (CHST), local time, on **December 16, 2010**. Late submission will not be considered.

The selected consultant is required to submit a copy of their CNMI Professional Engineers license in compliance with the CNMI Board of Professional Licensing prior to award of the contract.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

All inquires must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (CHST), local time, on December 10, 2010 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., Purchasing Officer via email msablan@cucgov.net; Commander Kenneth Esplin via email kenneth_esplin and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications, only to prospective Offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 16, 1999

Feds decline alternative site for endangered birds

CNMI officials have offered one of the Northern Islands as mitigation site for endangered bird species at risk of being displaced by the Marpi landfill in order to expedite the project, according to Lt. Gov. Jesus R. Sablan. But he claimed the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Division had turned down the proposal and refused to grant permit to the island government -- a move which has further delayed the construction of the landfill and closure of the Puerto Rico dump site. "Maybe that's the reason. We want to give them the other 14 islands to select but they decided not to select those islands," he told reporters in an interview yesterday.

DEQ, EPA to press for permit

Amid concerns on the delay in the construction of Marpi landfill, the Division of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will press for the issuance of permit that will pave the way for the closure of Puerto Rico dump as scheduled. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife's approval is required to begin work on the landfill in Marpi, but the federal agency has expressed apprehension on its effect on the endangered nightingale reed warblers, birds that are endemic to the Northern Marianas. He said the Northern Marianas will implement the necessary mitigation measures to protect the reed warbler. "This has been as problem since 1980 and we do not want to allow this to go on because we have to consider the health of the community," said Cabrera.

Nov. 16, 2000

Mandarin Air reports declining load factor

The CNMI government may need to launch bigger promotions if it intends to capture a bigger slice of the Taiwanese tourism market, after Mandarin Airlines disclosed a declining trend in arrivals from Taipei only three months since the service was launched in May. Mandarin Airlines has been dispatching aircraft that are only about 63 percent loaded with passengers in October, representing a 12 percent fall from the 75 percent load factor recorded during the previous month. Overall passenger traffic from Taipei dropped 10 percent last month to 936 arrivals from 1,034 in September, disclosed Mandarin Airlines Saipan Station manager Charlie Ling during a telephone interview.

Housing benefits for FAS citizens approved

President Clinton has signed into law a piece of legislation that would allow citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and the Republic of Marshall Islands to avail of federal housing benefits. Citizens of the three Freely Associated States living on Saipan had challenged the original limitation on their eligibility for federal housing benefits in a case brought before the federal courts. After losing in the CNMI District Court, the petitioners appealed to the Ninth Circuit. Jane Mack of Micronesian Legal Services said that the case is still pending and that the appeal was fully briefed and originally scheduled for oral argument on Nov. 14, 2000.

Nov. 16, 2001

CRM warns owners of abandoned boats

The Coastal Resources Management Office, on January 27, 1994, issued a public service announcement, advising the owners of all abandoned boats along the beach and shoreline to remove them. CRM said that, at present, a big number of boats are once again left along the beach. Some of the boats already damaged, which poses threats to public safety and the marine environment. Because of this, CRM is advising owners to remove the dilapidated boats from the beaches and shoreline within 60 days after November 14, 2001. Abandoned boats within the Shoreline Area of Particular Concern represent negative impacts on the aesthetic resources and scenic beauty of the shoreline and degrade the natural beauty of the Commonwealth.

GES launches Corporate Challenge

The Garapan Elementary School yesterday launched the Corporate Challenge, which entices businesses and hotels in the Garapan area to help bring in needed resources to GES students. "In these difficult financial times, our school children are in dire need of resources that are integral to the learning environment. As budgets focus on priorities such as school curricula materials and supplies, other items such as crayons, pencils, glue, even toilet paper, become harder and harder to procure," said the GES school administration in a statement. Every year for Thanksgiving Day, GES students have generously collected canned foods to donate to shelters. In an unselfish spirit of giving, they have contributed to the greater needs of the society.

NMC student wins LinC logo design competition

A Northern Marianas College business student, Marlon Bokuku, has captured the top prize in the Learning in Communities logo design competition.

The competition was hosted

Hyatt names '30 Room Nights' raffle winners

In October, Hyatt Regency Saipan kicked off its anniversary season by announcing its exciting raffle promotion. Hyatt said "Thank you" by allocating 30 room nights for 30 winner entries at \$30 plus tax per guest room. The 30 winners were selected from all the electronic entries submitted within the period of Nov. 1-10, 2010.

The raffle winners are:

- Mariko Fujita
- Shabbir Shakir
- Josephine Bernabe
- Jeffrey Tomokane
- Melinda Carrasco
- Gary Liddle
- Elsiana Taitano
- Keolester Buenpacifico
- Mina Faith Fujihira
- Rosemarie Lazaro
- Diane Zedde
- Noriko Jim
- Wellington Ang
- Eric Mahinay
- Nomi Sukhbaatar
- Jin Koo Cho
- Jin Woo Cho

by the NMC Learning in Communities program, which is a newly developed program that aims to create a supportive and inclusive learning environment that promotes the highest edu-

Hyatt names '30 Room Nights' raffle winners

- Jim Arenovski
- Shoko Calvert
- Winnefrida Taitano
- Miyawaki Hitoshi
- Vicky Benavente
- Ma. Hazel Omotoy
- Sheila Trianni
- Shawna Lee Kileleman
- Lavena Babauta
- Michael Joshua Mahinay
- Rita Ann Torres Carreon
- Marinette Duenas
- Nikika Harris

The special rate is eligible within the period of Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, 2010, and is based on availability. To avail of the special rate, call 234-1234.

Hyatt says the raffle promotion is a great opportunity for local residents to know the difference between a hotel and the Hyatt. Hyatt Regency thanks everyone who joined the raffle.

Hyatt invites everyone to experience its top-of-the-line restaurants, world-class spa, luxurious rooms, and authentic hospitality. Congratulations to all the winners! (PR)

cational, intellectual and social development of students by applying the "learning community" concept.

Bokuku's design, created in Adobe Illustrator, was selected over 88 other logo submissions from students in business instructor Larry Lee's Desktop Publishing and Graphic Design courses.

Bokuku received a \$50 cash prize that was donated by NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, LinC program man-

ager Geri Willis, and Lee.

For more information about the NMC Learning in Communities program, contact Geri Willis at 234-5498 ext 1028, or email NMCLinC@gmail.com or geri@pticom.com. (NMC)



NMC Northern Marianas College student Marlon Bokuku, fifth from right, receives a \$50 prize for designing the winning logo design in a competition hosted by the NMC Learning in Communities program.

NMC hires new instructor for School of Education

The Northern Marianas College has recently hired a new education instructor at the School of Education.

Roy Greenland, an educator for over 20 years, has taught at different school systems and institutions, such as Roanoke City Schools, Eaton Rapids Public School, and Virginia College.

The newly hired instructor began teaching courses such as Disability and Society, Introduction to Rehabilitative Services, and Inclusive Practices for Students with Disabilities at the college in August. Greenland is also expected to teach more courses in Special Education next semester.

Special Education, along with Early Childhood Education, and Rehabilitation and Human Services, are new program

concentrations of the college's School of Education. The newly revised individualized degree plans were recently unveiled last month.

"We hope that SOE will be able to set up a fully functional and operational Special Education department that will provide meaningful instruction and experiences for students, as well as current teachers," said Greenland.

Although Greenland graduated with a master's degree in Special Education from Lynchburg College in Virginia and has many years teaching Special Education, Greenland also has degrees in other fields. In October 2009, he graduated magna cum laude with a Masters of Law degree in International Arbitration

from Novus Law School in Palmdale, California. Prior to that, Greenland earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

"Even though I have education and experience in non-Education related fields, the desire to teach was constant and of a greater intensity than any other," said Greenland.

Greenland's interest in Special Education developed from working as a teacher at a juvenile detention home, where it was recommended that he earn a degree in the field.

"We are very pleased to welcome Roy to the NMC community," said NMC interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera. "The knowledge and experience he has will certainly benefit the students and the college." (NMC)



Greenland



Thank You - Olomwaay - Si Yu'os Ma'ase'

On behalf of my family, the Committee-to-Elect Camacho for Congress, and the Covenant Party of the Northern Mariana Islands, I wish to extend my most profound appreciation to all our supporters for your encouragement and advice over the course of our campaign and most especially, for your vote of confidence at the polls. I am deeply humbled by your trust and support.

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Health reform is working

Emboldened congressional Republicans are predicting a rocky couple of years ahead for the health-care overhaul that they disparagingly call “Obamacare” — as they hatch plans to scuttle the law by holding up funding for key elements.

But they had better act quickly.

Millions of Americans already are enjoying tangible benefits from the health-care law, and they're not likely to look kindly on having those benefits weakened, much less revoked.

The list of benefits so far includes: required coverage of preventive services such as childhood immunizations and cancer screenings for women; a ban on denying coverage for youngsters with preexisting medical conditions; letting young adults still at home remain on their parents' health plan; barring insurers from setting lifetime limits on coverage; and a \$250 rebate for seniors facing the Medicare “doughnut hole” in drug coverage.

As of January, there will be added incentives for family doctors who work in underserved areas, and cost controls on insurers to assure premiums are used for health care rather than executives' salaries.

A year from now, additional funding will be provided for community health centers (the centers that Republicans have offered as their solution to the problem of 50 million uninsured.)

So the GOP's guerilla-style tactics to slow and even reverse health reform could well prove unpopular with growing numbers of citizens as the benefits of the Affordable Care Act (its official name) take hold.

That, of course, is the message President Obama's aides should, and will, try to get out in the months ahead.

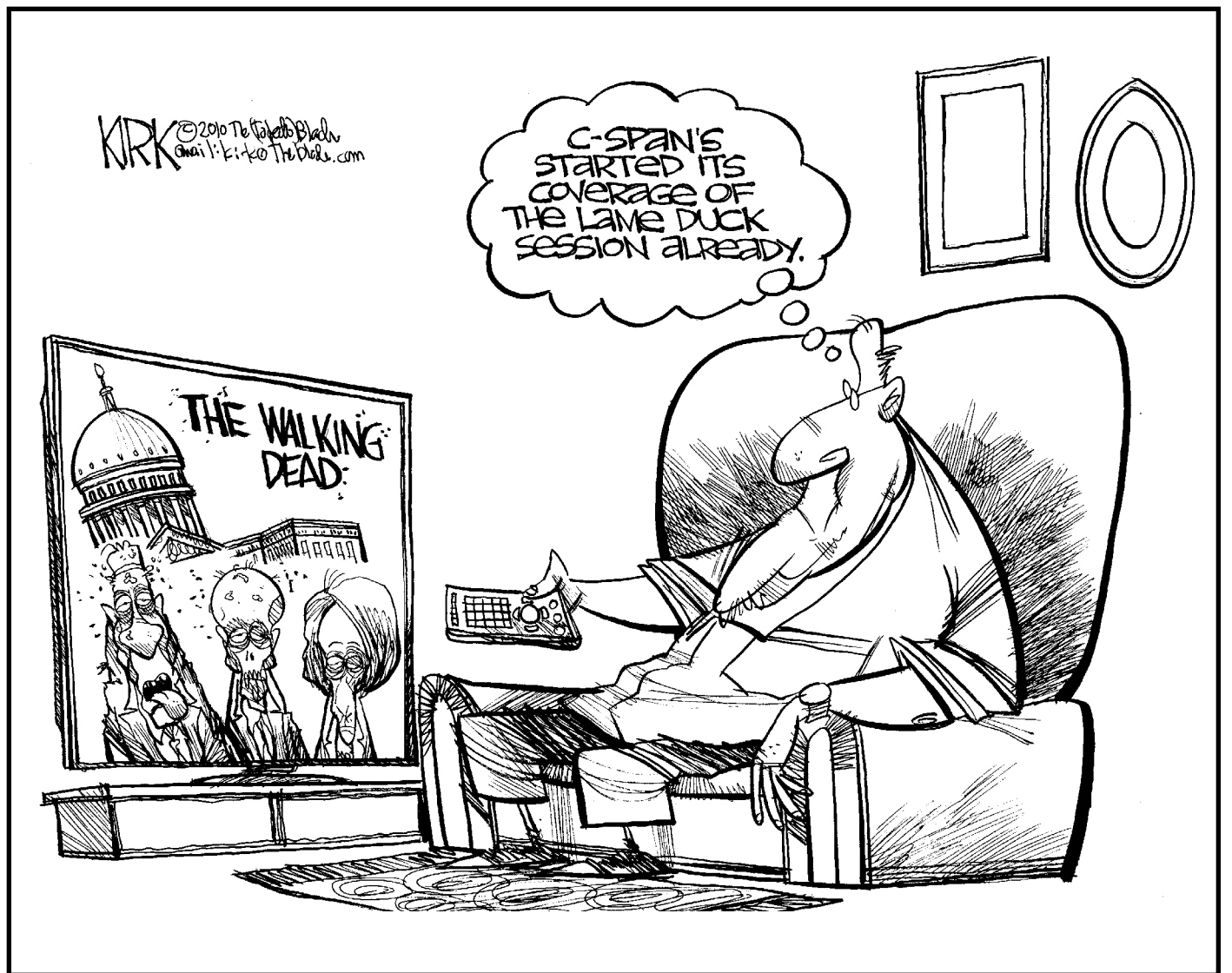
One of the other problems with the GOP strategy is that it does not appear to offer anything to replace the health-care reforms.

Granted, more could be done to find ways to reduce costs. Even Obama admits the law isn't perfect and will require adjustments over time.

But the Republicans' focus so far is solely on upending the law's implementation in an effort to force Obama to agree to changes. So much for all that GOP talk on the campaign trail about simultaneously repealing and replacing the supposedly objectionable aspects of the law, right?

If the strategy proves to be merely more party-of-no maneuvers that do nothing to improve Americans' access to affordable, quality health care, that's bound to make people really sick.

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The Pearl River pageant

A traditional seafaring journey was reenacted on seven miles of the Pearl River with 10,000 participating athletes and officials of the 16th Asian Games at the official opening Friday evening, from the west to the east end of Guangzhou. This is the first time that athletes enter the Games' main stadium in Haixinsha, not by marching in but sailing in 46 cruise boats, in this case through the local city communities who welcomed the athletes with aspects of the local culture staged on the riverside. Zhujiang (Pearl River) is the perfect backdrop since “water” is a subtheme of the Games this year.

History buffs will remember that Guangzhou, heretofore known as Canton, was one of China's early open cities. The seafaring Hakka Hans are prominent ethnic presence along the South China coast, cousins to the nomads of the sea in Southeast Asia-Pacific. Prominent Hakkas include Sun Yat-sen, father of the China Republic, Deng Xiaoping of modern China, the Soong sisters Ching-ling and May-ling, former Singapore PM Lee Kuan Yew, and contemporary movie star Chow Yun-Fat who played (Confucius) Kung Futz in a recent movie.

The annual Canton Fair is internationally known for opening up China to the world, as well as bringing the world to China. The Pearl River is a confluence of four other rivers that then proceeds to empty into the South China Sea, leaving behind a rich agricultural delta that has long fed into the distribution outlets of Hong Kong.

Our peripatetic Jamaican entrepreneur Walt just moved out of freezing Beijing to Yunnan, and seems to have settled down the near coastal town of Jinghong close to Yuenan (Vietnam). Those of us getting his Jamaican-in-China report might expect Walt to discover his nomadic cousins at his new home, the Hakkas, in flesh, with their fruits and vegetables, in his reports.

Anyway, the way of the waters reflected in the parade of 45 national/regional boats was impressive both in their themes and design, lit up and sailing alphabetically, launching the 16th Asiad in a spectacular opening ceremony and ending in a fireworks display that the Chinese are known for all over the world. The boats were impressive to Guangzhou watchers as they witnessed the various motifs representing participating countries, while the visiting athletes got to view the old Guangzhou of history as well as the modern city of commerce, trade and industry.

The fully illuminated city and the bridges that cross the river was telegenic to a whole nation riveted to CCTV channels broadcasting the event in many regional languages as well as English for the international audience. The Guangzhou Asian Games is not just a Guangdong event but, like the Expo of Shanghai and the Beijing Olympics, and next year's Shenzhen Universiade 2011, it is owned by the whole nation. For the Games, the primacy of China's medal

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dominance is taken for granted, with South Korea v. Japan vying for second.

The Lingnan (Cantonese) culture is reflected in the games' logo, an abstraction of the city's five rams sculpture, a prominent feature of the city's Yuexiu's Park. The mythology surrounding the rams was that they represented immortals that saved the residents from famine with heaves of grains. Guangdong is one of a few provinces that are the rice granaries of the nation.

Premier Wen Jiabao was at the Games opening since President Hu Jintao lit the flames that began the relays preceding the opening. (The Premier attended the Macao Forum while President Hu was at the G20 and APEC meetings.) Those following the news will recall that Hu Jintao touted the accomplishment of China's economy, not in the picture of its new helmsman being dubbed the most powerful person in the world ahead of the U.S. President Barack Obama, nor of the nation's ascendance as the No. 2 economic power in the world surpassing Japan, but the fact that about 200 million Chinese were elevated out of poverty in the last 30 years.

We are in Dong Bei on a chance invitation by Richard Chen, director of the International Cooperation division of the Shenyang Aerospace University, to pursue possible long-term participation in the University's international exchange program. Our current interest in development economics emerged as the program window not only in promoting the human factor perspective in world development, with its bent on distributive justice, but in advancing the language proficiency of a people who have decided that the English language is a prominent medium of exchange in the world. Happily, our involvement in Saipan with residents of China's northeast, and our lifelong experience in broad-based participatory democracy and grassroots economic development seem to have garnered a captive audience.

So our Dong Bei trekking in China's landscape and the glocal mindscape will stay in the environs of Shenyang (old Mukden) awhile. We watched the Vancouver Olympics from the ice lanterns of Yanbian and ice sculpture festival portals of Harbin in Heilongjiang last February. In our three-layered frozenness this November, the waters of the Pearl River sure look very inviting.

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Status and adjustment of status

We continue to get questions of general interest from clients, friends and readers. We address a few of them this week that have come up, repeatedly, with only slight variations. We continue to try to counter-act persistent rumors and disinformation that plague our community with respect to immigration issues. Here are a few current issues:

Q: I am an FAS citizen and I have lived in the United States for over five years. A friend said I am qualified to get a green card. Is it true?

Answer: Not just as a result of living in the U.S. for any period of time. Citizens of the Freely Associated States, or “FAS”, which include the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, are free to reside, work and study in the United States by virtue of their FAS citizenship. The ability to live in the U.S., without the need for any visa, is a privilege extended to FAS citizens by virtue of the various “Compacts of Free Association” that the U.S. has entered into with these Micronesian island countries, all of which were previously part of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. However, FAS citizens are neither citizens, nationals, nor permanent residents of the United States. No period of residence in the U.S., or its territories, no matter how long, will qualify an FAS citizen for a green card; nor will any period of such residence qualify an FAS citizen for naturalization as a U.S. citizen. FAS citizenship, by itself, does not constitute a path to U.S. citizenship.

However, if an FAS citizen qualifies for a green card under any other basis, such as marriage to a U.S. citizen, being the parent of a U.S. citizen over the age of 21, lengthy active military service, or some employment related basis, then he or she can apply for lawful permanent residence just like any other intending immigrant under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

One of the most stubborn confusions in this area is the relationship between period of residence and qualification for status. There is no period of residence, in the U.S. or in the CNMI, that qualifies any alien for a green card. First you need to obtain the status of lawful permanent resident, or “LPR”. Most people do this by qualifying based either on a family relationship to a U.S. citizen or based on employment. Once you have your permanent resident status, then the clock starts to run. Generally, if you reside in the U.S. as a legal permanent resident for five years (three if your status is based on marriage), then you are eligible to apply for naturalization to become a United States citizen.

Q: I am a Saipanese U.S. citizen and I recently married a lady from China. She is in the CNMI on a tourist visa waiver that expires next week. She speaks very little English and I speak no Chinese. We knew each other only briefly before we married. What do we need to do to get her a green card?

Answer: You have a serious problem. An alien who is in the U.S. (including the CNMI) on a tourist visa or visa waiver cannot adjust status in the United States. In other words, even if you were to

submit an application for your wife before her visa waiver expired, the application would be rejected because she is a tourist without an adjustable status. She needs to return to China before her visa waiver expires. If she does not she will become an overstayer. If she overstays for six months, she will not be admitted to the United States, on any visa, for a period of three years. If she overstays for more than one year, she will be barred from the United States for 10 years. So she needs to go back to China before her visa expires.

Once she is back in China, you have two choices if you want her to rejoin you: (1) you can apply for a green card for her from China or (2) you can bring her back to Saipan on a spousal (K3) visa, and then apply for a green card for her from Saipan. Applying for either a green card or for a K3 visa in China will require that she go through what is called “consular processing.” This is visa processing and adjudication through the Department of State, at the U.S. consulate in Guangzhou, rather than through Department of Homeland Security/USCIS. Because there are so many applications pending in China, the wait for these visas is long and the rejection rate is high. Even if you manage to get her back to Saipan on a K3 visa, your troubles are not yet over. You need to then apply for adjustment of status through USCIS. Generally speaking, the processing through USCIS is faster than through Department of State and the approval rate is higher.

However, remember that you and your wife will still need to prove that you entered into the marriage in good faith, for the purpose of building a life together and not for the purpose of gaining an immigration benefit for your wife. Because you have been married very recently, because you only knew each other a short while before you decided to marry, and because you do not have a common language, you will have a harder time convincing USCIS that your marriage is genuine. It can be done, but you may have a serious uphill battle. You will need to consider all these factors before you decide how to proceed.

Q: I am the general manager of a foreign corporation doing business in the CNMI. I have been told that I qualify for an EB-1C green card, and that my wife and children qualify for derivative visas as my dependents. I have a CNMI permit that is valid through 2011, but my wife and children are here on a tourist visa that expired last February. I was told by someone that they could stay regardless of the expiration of their tourist visa, because of my status. I do not wish to be separated from my family. What should I do?

Answer: Unfortunately you were advised wrongly. Overstaying a visa is always a bad idea because it can jeopardize your ability to re-enter the United States at a future time. Please see our answer to Question No. 2 above, with respect to the three-year and 10-year bars to admission. Your family’s overstay remains on their record forever and it will continue haunt them every time they seek admission to the United States on any basis. The USCIS simply has no sense of humor about overstayers. However, in the case of your

IMMIGRATION FORUM

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children, if they are under age 18, their overstay will not be counted against them.

Our advice is to file your application for your EB-1C visa as soon as possible. Once you have an official receipt, apply for humanitarian parole for your wife and children. There is no guarantee that they will get it; all forms of parole are discretionary with the service. However, because you are employed in a managerial capacity, because your family overstayed only because they were poorly advised, because your children are under 18, and because preserving family unity is one of the core underlying policies of U.S. immigration law, you have a better chance of getting their humanitarian parole approved. Once they have humanitarian parole, you can go forward with the derivative visas for them. Please make sure you get a decision on the parole application before the one-year anniversary of your dependents’ tourist visa. Once they reach one year of overstay, the 10-year bar kicks in. Please make sure that does not happen under any circumstances.

In the event that the humanitarian parole is rejected, you will need to send your family back to your country of origin where they will have to go through consular processing. It is likely that your children will be approved because they were under 18 when they overstayed. However, your wife is likely to be denied because of her overstay. There is a possibility of a waiver. However, absent a waiver, she will need to stay out of the United States for three years before seeking admission.

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Help the planet: Stop wasting food

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Let me guess: You’re concerned about the environment. You recycle, buy the right light bulbs, drink from a reusable water bottle (preferably one made of metal) and wish you could afford a hybrid. You try to remember your reusable shopping bags when you go to the market and feel guilty when you don’t.

But there’s something you could be doing that would make a much bigger difference, and it’s not one of those really hard things like carpooling to work or installing solar panels on your roof.

All you need to do is minimize your food waste. If you buy it and bring it home, eat it. That alone is one of the easiest ways to aid the environment.

About 40 percent of the food produced in the United States isn’t consumed. Every day Americans waste enough food to fill the Rose Bowl. And our national food waste habit is on the upswing: We waste 50 percent more food today than we did in 1974.

Squandering so much of what we grow doesn’t just waste food; it also wastes the fossil fuel that went into growing, processing, transporting and refrigerating it. A recent study estimated conservatively that 2 percent of all U.S. energy consumption went to producing food that was never eaten. To give you a sense of perspective, every year, through uneaten food, we waste 70 times the amount of oil that gushed into the Gulf of Mexico during the three months of the Deepwater Horizon spill.

That waste of resources continues after we throw away food. There is the energy required to haul the discarded food to the

landfill. And once there, food decomposes and creates methane, a greenhouse gas 23 times more potent a heat trapper than carbon dioxide. Landfills are the second-largest human-related source of methane emissions, and rotting food causes the majority of methane there. It’s climate change coming directly from your kitchen.

Not only will cutting your food waste help the planet, but it also will make you a slightly more ethical person. The number of hungry people, in Los Angeles and the state, is steadily increasing. From 2005 to 2009, the amount of Los Angeles County residents receiving food assistance swelled by 46 percent. Meanwhile, Angelenos throw away about 18 million pounds of food every day. At supermarkets, restaurants and, of course, our homes, we’re discarding a potential solution for our neighbors’ needs.

Avoiding waste will also save you money. The average family of four, conservatively, throws out an estimated \$1,350 annually. Cutting that food waste in half and giving the money to a soup kitchen would provide 700 meals. Though many of us feel unable to donate much money these days, we could keep the pantries of relief organizations better stocked by keeping ours less full.

Food waste crosses racial, class and gender lines. It’s a systemic problem rooted in our culture of abundance and busy lifestyle. But it’s also one we can change. And, happily, that change starts with simple actions:

■ **Buy smarter.** Plan the week’s dinners and make a detailed shopping list. Stick to the list; don’t buy more food than you can possibly eat before it goes bad. When planning meals, consider your reality. If you often don’t have time to cook dinner after work, don’t shop as if you do. And scheduling a leftover night is always wise.

■ **Rethink portion size.** We have a warped idea of what’s a sensible amount to eat, in part because of what counts as a “serving” at restaurants these days. As a result, we often take or receive too much, prompting us to either overeat or scrape the food we don’t eat into the trash.

■ **Love your leftovers.** If you’ve invested the money, time and energy in cooking, why not save the remaining portion? And remember, saving food only to throw it out a week later defeats the purpose. If you’re not a leftover lover, try halving recipes to prevent excess or repurposing your accumulated extras into another dish.

■ **Compost!** Those of us without dogs (or pigs or goats) will always have some food waste. But we don’t have to send it all to the landfill. Composting, whether by backyard, worm or Bokashi bin or the indoor NatureMill, creates a usable soil amendment rather than methane. That way, you return your food’s nutrients to the soil instead of just throwing them away.






Chances are you’re already conscientious about food in several ways. You probably know what a “locavore” is, and you shop at a farmers market once in a while. You buy organic—at least a few items—and perhaps observe Meatless Monday. But a few easy strategic changes in your kitchen will yield a real effect on our world. All that’s required is doing the seemingly self-evident: Keep your food out of the trash.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼78°	▲87° ▼78°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲89 ▼77
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼78
Pohnpei	Rain	▲87 ▼72
Kosrae	Rain	▲87 ▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼75

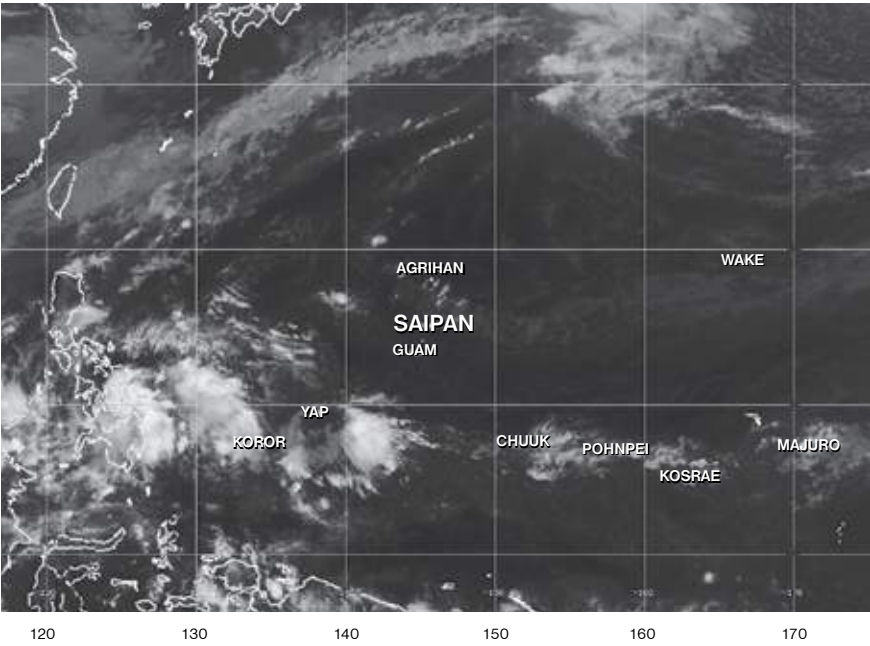
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲68 ▼58
Beijing	Sunny	▲54 ▼32
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲80 ▼57
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼72
London	Showers	▲48 ▼43
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲71 ▼52
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼76
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲74 ▼47
Miami	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼68
New York	Showers	▲56 ▼52
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼47
Paris	Showers	▲46 ▼40
Pusan	Sunny	▲59 ▼42
Rome	Showers	▲64 ▼47
Salem	Cloudy	▲53 ▼41
San Francisco	Sunny	▲73 ▼54
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲54 ▼37
Tokyo	Showers	▲55 ▼49
Washington, DC	Showers	▲59 ▼57

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:23 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.3 Feet	
9:20 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	
3:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
10:48 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough west of 130E and a trough southeast of Yap are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Koror and Yap within 140 miles of a line from 10N130E to 7N137E to 8N144E. A trough east of Chuuk extends northward from 5N155E to 8N154E. Another trough near Majuro extends northward from 5N170E to 10N171E. Scattered showers are found within 100 miles of 7N154E and 7N172E and within 70 miles of a line from 7N157E to 6N166E. These areas include Pohnpei and Majuro. A shearline curves west-southwestward from 21N180 to 16N152E then continues west-northwestward to end near 20N142. Low clouds and showers are found within 110 miles of this boundary. This area is south of Wake Island.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:19 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:20 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:21 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:53 PM	1:31 AM
Wednesday	2:28 PM	2:17 AM
Thursday	3:05 PM	3:04 AM
Friday	3:44 PM	3:53 AM
Saturday	4:27 PM	4:44 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM				GUAM-SAIPAN			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	C09604	5:00pm	5:50pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:10am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL285	6:40am	9:15am	Daily	DL286	3:50pm	8:25pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:00pm	12:30am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:10pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ603	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6	FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ704/605	12:10am	2:20pm	2, 4, 6, 7
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C09317/891	2:45am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/286	7:55am	8:25pm	Daily via NRT
DL285/173	6:40am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09313/933	7:55am	9:40pm	6 via GUM	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/893	7:55am	11:00pm	3 via GUM-Palau	OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM-Palau
C09605/933	6:20pm	9:40pm	1, 2, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	10:25pm	7:50am+1	5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C0596	10:00pm	7:25am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ606/703	3:20pm	11:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7 ICN	C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:25am+1	3 via GUM
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 300	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
				FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Island Snapshots



ENLISTMENT CEREMONY

Newly sworn in Guam Army National Guard member Ivan Muna Igitol, third from left, is flanked by, from left, enlistment officer 1LT Jacob James Tatsumi, wife Marie Salas Igitol, father Pete “PJ” Igitol, son Buddy Sean Igitol, and stepmom Matilde Cabrera Igitol after his enlistment ceremony on Friday.

CLARISSA V. DAVID



FLAMING DESSERT

Saipan World Resort chefs and waitstaff prepare to serve a dessert called “Flaming Ice Cream” to cap the launch of the renovated World Buffet Restaurant last Oct. 30.

CLARISSA DAVID



MAEDA ON THE MOVE

Maeda Pacific Corp. president Tom Nielsen, second right, and Vantage Products Tech representative Jay Cassidy, third right, have dinner with Maeda engineers Jojo, Ricky, Randy, and Cleto at Triple J's Capriciosa Restaurant in Garapan during Cassidy's farewell party on Nov. 10, 2010. Cassidy will be going back to Atlanta, Georgia after working with Maeda for more than a month to supervise the installation of thermo-plastic lawn crypts for the construction of the Marpi Public Cemetery. Maeda and Vantage Products were the same companies that constructed and supplied lawn crypts for the Veterans Cemetery. According to Cassidy, the double plastic wall that Maeda installed for this project is a “first in the world.” From Maeda, bon voyage Jay!

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GUAM VISITORS

Office on Aging executive director Rose Mondala, left, and Saipan Seniors Advisory Council president Tere-sita Sorroza, second left, present a plaque of appreciation to Mangilao Senior Citizens' Center manager Carmen Aguon, second right, and president Ann Benavente during a program on Friday. Eleven guests from the center, including their escorts, arrived on Saipan Thursday night and returned to Guam on Sunday.

CLARISSA DAVID

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Happy birthday to our loving “Nang” Dolores Rasiang! Wish-ing you many more beautiful years. We love you always! Greetings come from all your children and family.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy, happy birthday greet-ings go out to Anton Lee Reyes Salazar, who is celebrating his birthday today, Nov. 16! Have a great one, man! Greetings com-ing from your entire SHCP 2010 family!

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This belated happy birthday shoutout goes out to Daniel Cha, who celebrated his birthday yesterday, Nov. 15! We hope you had an awesomely great day! Coming out from all your friends and family!

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Belated happy birthday greet-ings going out to Sid Cama-cho, who celebrated his birth-day yesterday, Nov. 15! We hope you had a good one, par, and may you have many more birthdays to come! Cheers to another year! Coming out from all your family and friends!

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy 3rd birthday to Austin Joshua “Onio” Reyes! God bless and may you have an awesome day! We love you! Greetings come from the whole family.

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Belated happy birthday greetings to Joey D. Mostales, who celebrated his special day on Nov. 14! May you have many more sexy years to come. We hope you enjoyed and had fun on your special day! We love you! Love always, Kate, Baby Joey Claude, Naomi Reen and Joshua.

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This happy birthday shoutout goes out to Cristine Mae Ocampo, who celebrates her birthday today, Nov. 16! Hope you have a fabulous day and may you be blessed with many, many more birthdays to come! God bless! Greetings come from all your family and friends!

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Business

Japan is test case for Pac Rim free trade zone

YOKOHAMA, Japan (AP)—Although Asia-Pacific leaders have committed themselves to achieving a Pacific-wide free trade zone following an annual summit, host Japan may prove a key test case for how realistic that vision is.

Acknowledging that Japan's economic power is declining, Prime Minister Naoto Kan declared his country must open up its markets and embrace free trade—or risk getting left further behind other regional rivals.

"Japan is determined to reopen itself," Kan said at a press conference Sunday that wound up the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, alluding to the historic role that Yokohama, which hosted the summit, played more than 150 years ago as one of the first Japanese ports to open up to the West.

That bold declaration represents a change for Japan, which for decades had been ruled by conservative administrations that

were reluctant to engage in trade liberalization and were closely tied with farmers who fiercely oppose lowering protective tariffs. Imported rice, for example, is subject to a 778 percent tariff.

Japan and the other 20 members of APEC will face many such tough choices as they strive to execute their shared commitment to free trade and greater regional integration as outlined in the leaders' communique issued at the end of the weekend meeting.

Their overarching goal: To work toward establishing a Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific that would envelope all members, from behemoths China and the U.S. to tiny Brunei and New Zealand. Slashing tariffs and other barriers to imports and investments, the so-called FTAAP would cover half the world's global commerce and two-fifths of its trade. Kan said the rough target date was 2020.

The Asia-Pacific region has led the world's still-weak re-

covery from the financial crisis, and the region's leaders are convinced that open markets are a sure way to ensure future growth. Still, creating such a huge free trade zone is a highly complicated endeavor given the region's diversity and vested interests opposed to opening markets.

China's transformation into the world's second-largest economy—overtaking Japan this year—and the dynamism that has helped it lead the global recovery, was made possible mainly by opening to foreign trade and investment. While Washington complains that Beijing keeps its currency artificially low, giving China's exports an unfair price advantage, consumers have benefited enormously from lower-priced imports.

Japan's economy, meanwhile, has been stagnant for two decades, stymied by weak demand and a shrinking population even as regional rivals such as South Korea—which is racing ahead of Japan in free trade deals—are becoming formidable competitors.



Kan

Venezuela's Chavez defends general amid scandal

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—President Hugo Chavez on Sunday praised a top general who suggested the military would not accept an opposition victory in Venezuela's next presidential election, further angering critics who argue the officer demonstrated disrespect for democracy.

In a newspaper column, Chavez referred to Gen. Henry Rangel Silva as "a revolutionary soldier," and said that he planned to promote him to general in chief of defense for "his merits and virtues."

The self-proclaimed socialist leader harshly criticized Jose Miguel Insulza, secretary-general of the Organization of American States, for calling Rangel Silva's remarks "unac-

ceptable," and accused the OAS chief of meddling in Venezuela's domestic affairs.

"His unfortunate statements are nothing more than disrespect for our sovereignty," Chavez wrote.

In a recent interview, the *Ultimas Noticias* newspaper quoted Rangel Silva as saying that Venezuela's military would not accept an opposition victory in the country's 2012 presidential election. The general also told the newspaper that military officers support Chavez's drive toward socialism.

Rangel Silva's comments have raised the ire of opposition politicians, who have long accused Chavez of imbuing soldiers with his socialist ideology

in violation of constitutional norms establishing the apolitical nature of Venezuela's military.

Government adversaries argue Chavez is dangerously dividing Venezuela's military by demanding that military personnel embrace his socialist policies, noting that the former paratroop commander has forced soldiers to salute their superiors by shouting: "Socialist homeland or death! We will be victorious!"

Critics fear Rangel Silva and other top-ranking military officers could reject an opposition triumph at the polls in 2012 and keep Chavez in office, effectively turning one of South America's oldest democracies into a dictatorship.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

BHP Billiton withdraws bid for Potash Corp.

TORONTO (AP)—BHP Billiton on Sunday withdrew its hostile takeover bid for Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan, saying it cannot convince Canada's federal government to approve the deal. Ottawa announced earlier this month that it would block the deal because it wasn't a net benefit to Canada. BHP had 30 days to appeal, but said Sunday in a statement that it cannot satisfy the net benefit requirements outlined by the government. "We have not been able to obtain clearance under the Investment Canada Act and have accordingly decided to withdraw the Offer," BHP Billiton CEO Marius Kloppers said in a statement.

Asian stocks advance as Japan growth surprises

TOKYO (AP)—Major Asian stock markets rose Monday with shares in Tokyo gaining after the economy grew for a fourth consecutive quarter and the yen weakened. The Nikkei 225 stock average rose 69.30 points, or 0.7 percent, to

9,794.11 after the government said the economy expanded an annualized 3.9 percent in the July-September quarter. Stronger spending by consumers and businesses fueled the better-than-expected result. Exporters benefited from the yen weakening against the dollar, with Sony Corp. up 1.5 percent and Canon Inc. gaining 0.5 percent.

Oil hovers near \$85 as traders eye China economy

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices hovered near \$85 a barrel Monday in Asia, consolidating after a big fall as investors mull what steps China may take to ease inflation pressures. Benchmark oil for December delivery was up 15 cents at \$85.04 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell \$2.93, or 3.3 percent, to settle at \$84.88 on Friday after China said inflation quickened to 4.4 percent in October. Traders are concerned policymakers may take additional measures to slow Chinese economic growth, which would undermine demand for crude.

Nation

Ohio girl found alive, bound; no word on 3 others

MOUNT VERNON, Ohio (AP)—A 13-year-old girl missing for days was found bound and gagged but alive in a basement Sunday, and authorities hoped a man charged with kidnapping her might lead them to her mother, brother and another woman who disappeared with her.

Matthew J. Hoffman, 30, was arrested at his Mount Vernon home, where Sarah Maynard was found, Knox County Sheriff David Barber said. He

said the girl was hospitalized in good condition but would give no details and did not say if she had been sexually abused.

Barber did not say what led investigators to Hoffman's home, which is about 10 miles from the home of Sarah's family, but he said Hoffman's mother and stepfather own a house within walking distance of Sarah's, and that Hoffman listed it as a second address.

Barber said authorities hoped

Hoffman would give them information leading to Sarah's mother, Tina Herrmann, her 10-year-old brother, Kody, and Herrmann's 41-year-old friend Stephanie Sprang.

The four vanished Wednesday in a case that was all the more alarming because an unusual amount of blood was found at Herrmann's home in Howard.

"We were hopeful that we would find more than one" of the missing people in Hoffman's house, Barber said. "Our information was definite that it was most likely that Sarah was going to be in that house."

Authorities believe the girl had been "under the control" of Hoffman since Wednesday, when she and her brother last attended school, the sheriff said. He did not know if Hoffman was connected to either Herrmann or Sprang, but said he is not the ex-boyfriend of either woman.

"At this time, whether he's connected to the family or whether he connected himself to the family ... a lot of that remains to be seen as the investigation continues," Barber said.



AP

Knox County Sheriff's deputies and investigators from the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation process evidence at the residence of 30-year-old Matthew Hoffman, who has been arrested for kidnapping, Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010.

FBI: Man once thought dead arrested in kidnapping

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—A man who was declared legally dead 16 years ago in Mississippi was arrested Sunday in the kidnapping of a slain Las Vegas girl whose body was found in the woods of central Louisiana, the FBI said.

FBI spokeswoman Sheila Thorne said Thomas Steven Sanders was arrested early Sunday at a truck stop in Gulfport, Miss. The arrest capped a massive manhunt in a bizarre case that stretched across the country.

Court documents obtained by The Associated Press show Sanders abandoned his family in 1987 and was de-

clared dead by a Mississippi court 1994. He lived unnoticed for years despite being arrested several times.

Sanders, 53, was wanted in the kidnapping 12-year-old Lexis Roberts, whose skeleton was found by hunters early last month. Her 31-year-old mother, Suellen Roberts, is missing. Officials say she is

not a suspect in her daughter's death—and they hope she has not met with foul play.

Thorne said Sanders was alone when he was arrested at the Flying J Truck Stop by FBI agents and Harrison County sheriff's deputies. She would



Sanders

not release other details about his arrest.

Despite being declared dead, Sanders had been able to move about the country easily. Investigators know he lived in Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Georgia and Nevada. He worked as a laborer, a welder and a scrap metal collector.

According to records obtained by the AP, his arrests included possession of drug paraphernalia and a number of traffic and motor vehicle incidents, all in Tennessee. He was sentenced to two years in Georgia for simple battery. State and federal authorities have said some of the charges involved minors, but they refused to elaborate.

ACROSS THE NATION

Driver held in Calif motorcycle crash that kills 5

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A man was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence after he slammed his car head-on into a group of motorcycle riders celebrating their club's 10th anniversary, killing four motorcyclists and his companion, authorities said Sunday. But they also are looking for another driver who they say played a central role in the crash. Carlos Ramirez Bobadilla, 36, was arrested when officers smelled alcohol on his breath about five hours after the Saturday crash, said California Highway Patrol Officer DeeAnn Goudie. Ramirez, one of six injured in the collision on a remote desert highway, was recovering from hand fractures at a San Diego hospital, Goudie said.

Mother of disabled girl crushed by news of death

HICKORY, N.C. (AP)—The biological mother of the disabled girl whose remains were found in North Carolina told a television station Sunday that she has been devastated by her daughter's death but buoyed by support from the community where the 10-year-old lived. "Still hurt, still crushed," Emily Dietrich told the Australia-based Seven Network on Sunday. Dietrich lives in Australia—where her daughter, Zahra Baker, lived until her father moved to the U.S.—and is now in Hickory, N.C. That's the town where Zahra lived with her father and stepmother before she was reported missing more than a month ago.

Asia

Obama's Asian trip shows his limits on global stage

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama left Asia with a greater foothold in the emerging nations that could help shape the American economy for years. But his failure to deliver on his own high expectations on key economic issues served notice that the global stage is not nearly his for the taking.

The president returned to Washington on Sunday with mixed results to show from his longest foreign trip abroad as president, an exhausting 10-day tour through India, Indonesia, South Korea and Japan.

His first two stops yielded dramatic diplomatic successes and memorable images in two booming Asian democracies that will only become more important strategically to the U.S.

But the narrative soured once Obama arrived in Seoul, South Korea, for a meeting of the Group of 20 developed and emerging economies. Obama failed to achieve a free-trade deal with Korea that was to have been the biggest trophy of his trip, and instead of banding with America against China's currency manipulation, several countries aligned themselves against the U.S.

The trip ended anticlimactically in Yokohama, Japan, with an uneventful gathering of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum. But Obama has no time to breathe easy. Almost as soon as he gets back to Washington he'll have to grapple with combative Republican congressional leaders at a White House meeting, then head back overseas for a summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

"Overall, it was a mix of successes and deep disappointments," Mike Green, senior adviser and Japan chair at the



President Barack Obama visits the Great Buddha of Kamakura with Michiko Sato, temple director, and Takao Sato, the 15th chief monk of the temple, at Kotoku-in Temple in Kamakura, Japan, Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010.

Center for Strategic and International Studies, said of the trip. "Two great visits in India and Indonesia, a real disappointment in Seoul, and a reassuring but curiously unambitious visit to Japan."

Obama, in some ways, achieved what he set out to do.

By spending so much time in Asia, undeterred by his and his party's midterm election "shellacking" on the way out the door, he showed key nations how important they are to the U.S. agenda. And that, in turn, is an investment he expects to pay

off over time—by loosening up trade and hiring opportunities for his own constituents, and by building up the base of democratic and America-friendly voices in a fast-growing region of the world where communist China looms ever larger.

"I think all of Asia is eager for American engagement and leadership," Obama told reporters on Air Force One on the way back to Washington. "Everywhere in Asia, what I heard from leaders and people is that we are still central, and they want us there."

Myanmar's Suu Kyi, newly free, calls for talks

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Democracy heroine Aung San Suu Kyi took her first steps back into Myanmar's political minefield Sunday, vowing to press ahead in her decades-long fight for democracy while also calling for compromise with other political parties and the ruling junta.

Suu Kyi, who was freed from house arrest Saturday amid a divided political landscape and days after widely criticized elections, made clear she faces a precarious position: maneuvering between the expectations of the country's pro-democracy

movement and the realities of dealing with a clique of secretive generals who have kept her locked up for much of the past two decades.

"I've always believed in compromise," the Nobel Peace laureate told reporters in the dilapidated offices of her party, the National League for Democracy, with its rough concrete floor and battered wooden furniture. "I am for national reconciliation. I am for dialogue. Whatever authority I have, I will use it to that end ... I hope the people will support me."

This Southeast Asian na-

tion, once known as Burma, has been ruled by the military since 1962, leaving it isolated from much of the international community and battered by poverty. The junta has an abysmal human rights record, holding thousands of political prisoners and waging brutal military campaigns against ethnic minorities.

In recent years, though, it has also become an increasingly important regional trading hub, and its natural gas reserves and hydroelectric possibilities have brought it close to energy-hungry China and India.

World

After 388 days, Somali pirates free British couple

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP)—The retired British couple were sailing the world on a 38-foot-yacht that represented most of their life savings when Somali pirates captured them last year, demanding the sort of huge ransom a multimillionaire or a multinational company might cough up.

The fact that Paul and Rachel Chandler couldn't pay a big ransom helped stretch out their ordeal 388 agonizing days—until Sunday, when they were released thin and exhausted, but smiling. It was one of the longest and most dramatic hostage situations since the Somali piracy boom began several years ago.

The Chandlers were welcomed by the Somali communi-

ty close to where they had been held, and later met with the Somali prime minister in Mogadishu. A private jet then flew them to Nairobi's military airport, where they were whisked away in a British Embassy vehicle.

"We are happy to be alive, happy to be here, desperate to see our family, and so happy to be amongst decent, everyday people, Somalis, people from anywhere in the world who are not criminals, because we've been a year with criminals and that's not a very nice thing to be doing," Rachel Chandler said at a news conference in Mogadishu.

She also said in a BBC interview that their captors beat them during their captivity after

deciding to separate the couple.

"We were really distraught, very frightened at that point," Chandler said. "We refused to be separated and we were beaten as a result. And that was very traumatic."

When asked about their health, she said "we're OK."

Pirates boarded the Chandlers' yacht the night of Oct. 23, 2009, while the couple were sailing from the island nation of Seychelles. The couple, married for almost three decades, took early retirement about four years ago and were spending six-month spells at sea. They had sailed to the Greek islands, Egypt, Sudan, Eritrea, Oman, Yemen, India and the Maldives.

Mexico hotel blast kills 7

PLAYA DE CARMEN, Mexico (AP)—A powerful explosion likely caused by an accumulation of gas killed 7 people, including five Canadian tourists, on Sunday at a large resort hotel on Mexico's Caribbean coast, authorities said.

Two Mexican employees of the sprawling, 676-room hotel Grand Riviera Princess hotel in Playa del Carmen, south of Cancun, were killed in the blast, said Francisco Alor, attorney general of Quintana Roo, where the resorts are located.

Two other Canadians suffered severe injuries and were listed in critical condition. Ten others, including two U.S. citizens and eight Mexican employees of the hotel, suffered less serious wounds and were listed as stable.

Alor described a horrific scene in which the floor of the building was basically hurled through the ceiling by the force of the explosion, blowing out windows and sending fragments of aluminum window and ceiling panels frame over a wide area.

"Everyone said their hotel room shook. The glass at neighboring restaurants all cracked and blew out. The tiki hut that was in the area, that was on fire," said James Gaade of St. Catharines, Ontario, who was walking on the beach when he heard a loud explosion and saw smoke coming from the resort's premium platinum lounge. "There was a large crater in the area, debris."

Alor said the dead include four men and a woman, but offered no further information on the victims. Playa del Carmen Civil Defense director Jesus Puc said the Canadian fatalities included a nine-year-old boy.

A statement from Canada's Foreign Affairs and International Trade department said that one Canadian was confirmed killed, adding "we have received unconfirmed reports that three Canadian citizens are missing and seven are injured. No further information is available at this time."

"On behalf of all Canadians, the Government of Canada extends its sympathies to the fami-

lies and friends of those who lost their lives."

The resort was hosting a large number of Canadians, including at least one wedding and a company vacation. Gaade estimated that 50 to 70 percent of the guests at the resort were Canadians.

The blast occurred on the ground floor of one of a dozen or so buildings that make up the sprawling hotel, and left a crater a yard (meter) deep.

It also blew out windows and hurled pieces of paving, glass and aluminum about 50 yards (meters) onto the palm-fringed lawn of the compound.

The area, next to the turquoise waters of the Caribbean, was cordoned off and about 30 Mexican army soldiers stood guard around the hotel.

Alor and other officials, including Puc and local Red Cross director Ricardo Portugal, said the initial investigations suggest the gas that exploded beneath the building was apparently not for cooking, but rather a mix of gases from a nearby swamp.

WORLD BRIEFS

Plan for Mideast talks bets on quick border deal

JERUSALEM (AP)—Washington's new proposal for reviving Mideast talks, presented Sunday to Israel's Cabinet, rests on the bold expectation that Israelis and Palestinians will be able to sketch a border between them in three months. That's the period the plan sets aside for a one-time extension of a ban on new construction in West Bank settlements. The proposal was worked out in a seven-hour meeting last week in New York between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. U.S. officials said Netanyahu told the administration that he supports the plan and will try to win approval from his Cabinet.

Guinea candidate says he will not accept results

CONAKRY, Guinea (AP)—Less than 24 hours before Guinea's election commission was due to release results from a crucial presidential election, one of the candidates said he would not accept the outcome because two contested counties had been

included in the total, setting the stage for a violent showdown. Cellou Dalein Diallo, who is from the Peul ethnic group, held a press conference Sunday to say he would refuse the results if the country's election commission included the northern counties of Kouroussa and Siguiri in the final tally—counties the head of the commission has said he was not authorized to invalidate.

Socialists win 2 largest cities in Greek poll

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Greece's governing Socialists have won mayoral races in Greece's two largest cities for the first time in 24 years, extending gains in local government elections. Socialist-backed mayoral candidates Giorgos Kaminis and Yiannis Boutaris won in the capital Athens and the northern city of Thessaloniki, interrupting a streak of conservative victories dating back to 1986. Prime Minister George Papandreou praised Sunday's result as a vote of confidence in his austerity program ahead of an inspection by EU and IMF officials on the implementation of a rescue loan agreement worth euro110 billion (\$150 billion).

Focus

By WILLIAM MCKENZIE
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Former President George W. Bush sat down last week at his Dallas office with Dallas Morning News editorial columnist William McKenzie to discuss his new book, *Decision Points*. During the hourlong interview, the former president spoke in a relaxed and reflective way about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the financial crisis and Tuesday's groundbreaking of his presidential library and institute at Southern Methodist University.

Question: If they could read your book, which one or two presidents would identify with you, your principles, and your decision-making?

Bush: Let me refashion the question: What did you learn from past presidents?

In the book, I talk about the fact that I read a lot about Abraham Lincoln. I learned about the need to defend principle from Abraham Lincoln. In his case, the principle that all men are created equal under God. I learned that Lincoln made one of the great presidential decisions to keep the country intact. In

gration reform. The kind of bipartisan consensus around immigration reform might have made it easier to get Social Security reform.

But, yeah, you're right. There are times when I had capital, times when not. But even if you don't have capital and you've got troops in harm's way, you've got to defend the policy and send signals to the troops that you're not going to make decisions based upon politics, based upon trying to make yourself liked. You're going to make decisions based upon a strategic vision.

Q: You speak movingly about your

It's hard for people to envision a father-son relationship that doesn't spend a lot of time hashing out politics and/or policy, but we just didn't do that.

Q: So most of your conversations were very normal?

Bush: Very family-oriented. A lot of them really were, "Hey, Dad, I'm doing great." He would call after major speeches and say, "Good job. Your mother and I are here with so-and-so and just want to let you know that we are really proud of you, son." He was kind of boosting my spirits because he knew what it was like to be in the arena.

Q: No matter the solution?

Bush: Right. I went ahead anyway.

The hope was that the people would demand something different. My theory was that we could assure older Americans that nothing would change, but that most younger Americans would say, "Do something because I'm putting money into a failed system."

The contribution that presidents sometimes make in addressing a big issue is that you lay the groundwork for future change. Bill Clinton went after Social Security reform. I went after Social Security reform. It didn't happen on our respective watches. But there is a new dialogue on the subject at the minimum.

Q: You once likened the battle over immigration to fighting a prairie fire. It seems like there's still a prairie fire going on. Is there any reason to be optimistic about creating a new immigration system?

Bush: Isolationism, protectionism and sometimes nativism all run hand in hand in the American political scene. It certainly happened in the 1920s. And

Q: A lot has been made about the Cheney decision.

Bush: What? Pick him?

Q: Keep him. You talk in the book about taking a look at Bill Frist (to take Dick Cheney's place on the 2004 ticket).

Bush: I did, yeah.

Q: How serious were you in taking a look at Frist?

Bush: First, the fact that Dick Cheney offered not to run with me again was a magnanimous gesture.

I put that story in there for a couple of reasons. One, I wanted people to know what a man of character Dick Cheney is. That took a lot of character to do that. "Mr. President, you know if you want to pick somebody else it's fine by me."

Secondly, a president owes his team and the country a deliberative process. This would have been a big decision, and so I wanted to think it through.

I thought about different candidates. Bill Frist would have been the leading candidate.

Thirdly, I could have selfishly made

GEORGE W. BUSH

Reflecting on eight consequential years

other words, he had a vision.

He could easily have said prior to his re-election in 1864, "Wait a minute, why don't we just cut a deal and maybe my vision isn't correct, and why don't we compromise and have two separate nations?" Lincoln taught presidents about being a commander-in-chief. So I learned a lot from Abraham Lincoln.

I also learned a lot from Harry Truman. One of the things I describe was my desire to put in law some of the decisions I made that were necessary to protect the country. I had Truman in mind because many of the decisions Truman made affected my presidency.

So, I wanted to leave behind a firmer foundation for my successors. In this case, we passed laws that Congress endorsed and embraced, like the Terrorist Surveillance Program, military tribunals and enhanced interrogation techniques. The enhanced interrogation techniques are available to presidents if they so choose to use them.

Q: I understand you were standing up for what you thought were principles. But a president also has to have a certain amount of political capital to go sell his program.

Bush: True. No question about it.

I had at various times a lot of political capital. And sometimes I had low political capital. Nevertheless, a president has got to stand on principle. That's the lesson of Truman and Lincoln.

I had political capital after the 2004 election. I put in the book that had I had to do it over again, I would have spent my capital differently. Rather than going for Social Security reform right off the bat, I should have gone for immi-

love for your dad, and vice versa. So what was that like having a father who was president and still living? Because you were talking to him as your dad and a...former president.

Bush: I chronicle the fact that I was a hothead when it came to defending George Bush. That shouldn't surprise readers because I readily admit that I'm a lot like my mother. I have my daddy's eyes but my mother's mouth.

I defended my father vigorously in '92 with members of the national media, for example. I did so out of love. And I put in the book that '92 was a painful year to watch a guy you love lose.

When I became president, the roles reversed. I was in a position of needing to comfort my dad. He'd see the very same things he had gone through: the mischaracterizations, silly cartoons and all this trash they throw at the president. It would really pain him.

So, I'd call him. And rather than analyzing policy, my mission was to say, "I'm doing great, please don't worry about me." I had been through the same thing he had been through.

Secondly, he knew that as a result of his experience, I had a lot more information than he had. And he knew that the president, while he or she seeks outside advice, really does rely upon a core group of advisors. In this case, the national security team. And there is a moment in the book where I talk about Iraq, and I'm telling him about the strategy for coercive diplomacy, and he says that, if all fails, "I hope you don't have to, but you may have to use the military."

I put in the book that family meant a lot to me during my presidency. And he knew that family would mean a lot. Therefore, our conversations were as much about support and comfort. And mother was humorous.

Q: Let's talk about some domestic issues. In an interview we did when you left the White House, you said that presidents must look over the horizon at coming storms, while legislative bodies react.

Bush: True.

Q: Don't those two orientations set up the two ends of Pennsylvania Avenue for perennial frustration?

Bush: No, because there are moments when they come together, such as with No Child Left Behind and the tax cuts.

There are moments in which there is a lot of frustration. And there are checks and balances, and that is one of the checks and balances.

It's just the different nature of the bodies. The president leads and sets the agenda. That's the way it has been, and that's the way it will be.

Q: On Social Security, do you think you could have gotten it done if you had dropped the private accounts and focused on the parts changing how benefits are calculated? Some Democrats were talking about that latter part.

Bush: I know, but we never even got to that point. Remember that the story right after the election was that people in my own party said, "We're behind you, Mr. President, way behind you." In other words, there was a reluctance to take on the issue.

the fundamental question that our nation faces is will those "isms" become dominant in the beginnings of the 21st century?

One thing I intend to do at the Bush center at SMU is to articulate policy that will fight off isolationism and protectionism. It's hard for me to tell as I sit here with you now. It's still a very politically sensitive issue.

It is complicated, of course, by the activities on the southern border, where the Mexican government is fighting a war against heavily armed, well-financed drug lords. Those drug lords don't want to fight U.S. law enforcement. I do think Mexico will prevail.

Until the federal government acts in a comprehensive way, you will continue to see reactions at the state level that express the frustrations of the people.

Q: On personnel, you write, "There were times when I was too loyal or too slow to change. I misjudged how some selections would be perceived. Sometimes I flat out picked the wrong person for the job." Who did you have in mind when you were writing that?

Bush: (Former Treasury Secretary) Paul O'Neill didn't agree with our policies. At the end of my second year in office, I made a change.

If you connect stories in there, you know I thought back to the 1991-92 era, where I felt Dad needed to make some changes. Change is necessary.

Sometimes you have to make tough decisions when it comes to personnel, and I did. And in the personnel chapter, many of the decisions that I put in there were dependent upon the personnel involved in the recognitions.

a decision to try to enhance my own image. Some were speculating that Cheney was running the White House. It was a laughable matter to anybody who knew, but I could have cleared that myth up.

In the end I was very comfortable with Dick Cheney. One, I liked him. Two, he gave me unvarnished advice, which a president needs.

As you read through the book, people realize I didn't accept a lot of his advice. Nevertheless, when I made up my mind, it was, "You're the president." Or, as he said, "That's why you get paid the big bucks."

Picking Cheney was the right move in 2000. I walk readers through the importance of the vice-presidential decision-making process. It's your first presidential decision. People get to see how you make a decision. And the key thing for the vice-presidential candidate is whether or not that person could be president.

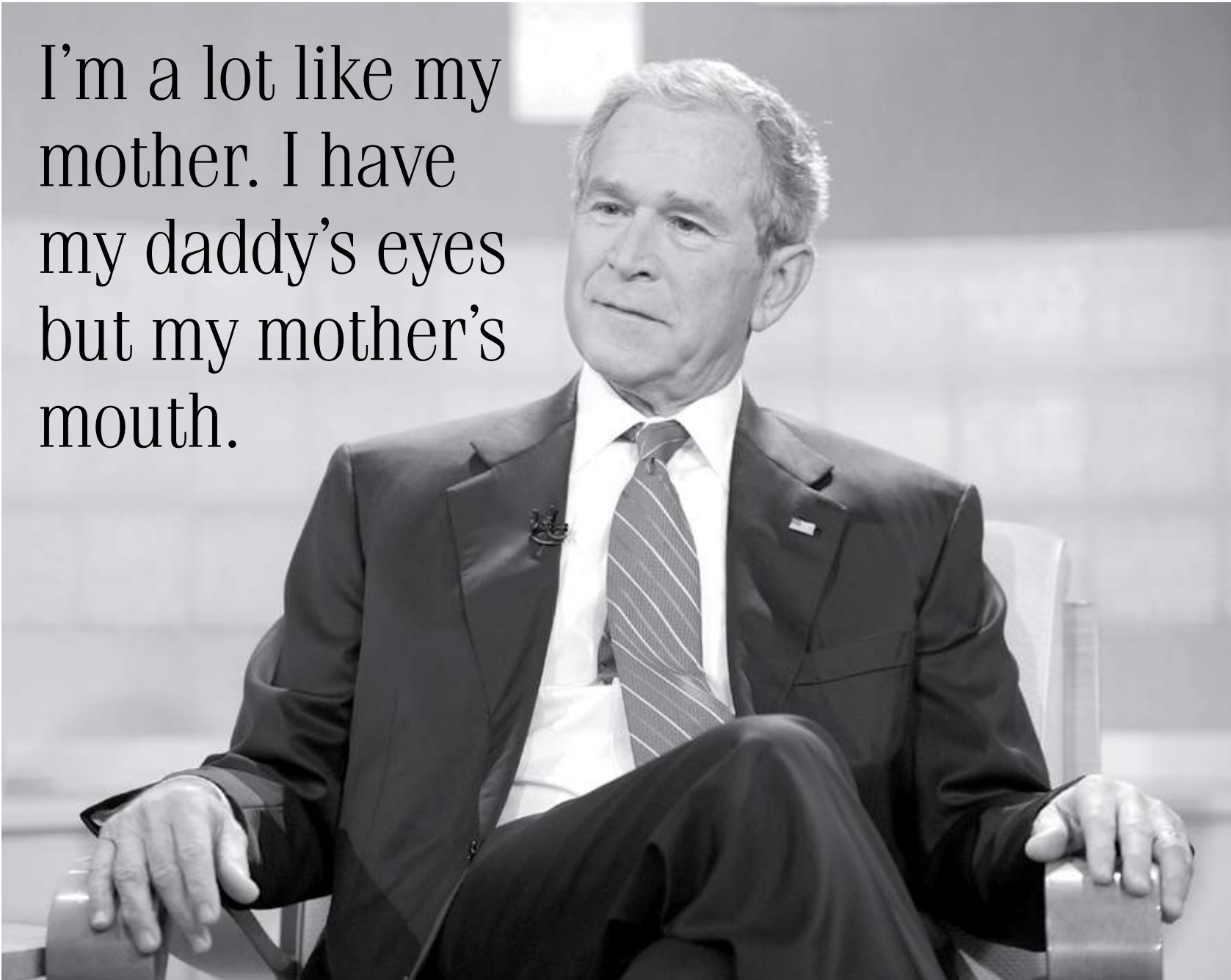
In 2000, I calmed a lot of nerves, I think, or answered some questions by picking Dick. And he did (show) this guy could be president.

He was my friend in the beginning. He was my friend at the end. To this day, I would tell you that he was the right guy.

Q: Let's deal with some foreign policy questions. You told the CIA that "damn right" it was OK to waterboard Khalid Sheikh Mohammed. In your book, you cite how the procedure elicited valuable information from him and another ringleader, Abu Zubaydah. But can you understand ...

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In a Nov. 10, 2010 photo provided by NBC Universal, Inc., former U.S. President George W. Bush appears on the "Today" show to talk about his new book *Decision Points*.

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Bush: Let's put it in context when I said, "damn right."

This is after a thorough, legal review. Let me walk you back.

Step 1: We thought these guys had the information. These guys are chief operating officers of those who killed our citizens.

Step 2: They were trained to resist the interrogation techniques being used by the FBI. In other words, we're getting no information out of them.

Step 3: The CIA said they felt they could get information.

Step 4: Were the techniques they were recommending legal?

So there's a whole legal review before I said, "damn right." And that's very important for the reader to understand.

I then said "damn right" when I found out that the techniques were legal because our CIA experts felt like they would talk, and they did. We learned a lot of information to save lives.

I put in there that I fully understood, and still understand, why such a decision would be controversial.

Q: Did you worry about waterboarding being a recruiting tool for our opponents?

Bush: No, I didn't. I worried about it undermining America's ability to spread democracy as the alternative to the killers.

That (waterboarding) wouldn't be a recruiting tool. They don't need recruiting tools. They were recruiting.

This talk about stirring up the hornet's nest, which I address in the book, I found to be illogical. You know, the invasion of Iraq stirred up the hornet's nest. They were stirred up! Before we had one troop in Iraq! They killed 3,000 people on our soil.

Now one of the things the reader's got to understand, whether they agree or not agree with me, is 9/11 affected

me, and that's what I say in the book. It changed my presidency.

Q: Is it possible to be president and not get consumed by events going around the world? You write that between 9/11 and mid-2003 you got something like an average of 400 specific threats a month.

Bush: I did a lot of other things during this period of time. I signed No Child Left Behind, for example.

But I make it clear that my most important job was to protect America. So, yeah, I thought about it all the time.

"Consumed" is too strong a word because consumed means you do nothing else, and we were doing (other things). The president cannot be focused on a single issue because there's so many issues coming up.

Q: You write that "I woke up every morning thinking about the danger we faced and responsibilities I carried. I was also keenly aware that presidents had a lot of history overreaching during war." Did you overreach?

Bush: No, I don't think I did. I was keenly aware that others had overreached. And you might describe to the reader what the overreach was: Interning Japanese-Americans in World War II, for example.

I'm very comfortable that the decisions I took were thoughtful, that I weighed the consequences, and that the results protected us from a further attack.

Q: Lots of folks didn't always see it that way.

Bush: No, of course. That's the nature of the presidency. But they're not the one that had to sit in the Oval Office.

Here may be one way to approach this issue: What would have happened had I not taken the measures to protect the American people and there was an attack? What question should be asked then?

The nature of the presidency is you have to weigh things carefully. I hope people come away with, one, a better appreciation of the environment in which I was making these decisions and, two, how the decisions were reached.

My most important job was to protect this country and, as I say in the book, it worked.

Q: Another question on the war on terror. You write, "In retrospect, I probably could have avoided some of the controversy and legal setbacks by seeking legislation on military tribunals, the TSP (Terrorist Surveillance Program) and the CIA enhanced interrogation program as soon as they were created." Was it a mistake not to get congressional buy-in for these fundamental parts of your response?

Bush: We did get congressional buy-in.

Remember, I also talked about the briefings we gave to congressional leaders. And I pointed out there wasn't very much pushback at the time. We briefed the leadership in Congress on all these programs.

The question was, would we make the country less safe if there was a public debate about the programs? So, I walk the reader through the authorities by which we put those programs in place. The effectiveness of the programs, the briefings in Congress and then my desire to pass law to get congressional buy-in so future presidents could have these programs available to them.

We were in the process of developing a proper strategy to get law passed without signaling to the enemy how we were trying to find them. Then, some unfortunate events showed up, like a court case and a newspaper story.

We then went through the painful process of getting these laws passed. I say "painful" because it was a lot

of debate. Every one of the laws was passed by Congress. Even after the 2006 thumping.

Q: You acknowledge that you sent troops into Iraq "in large part on intelligence that proved to be false. That was a massive blow to our credibility, my credibility that would shake the confidence of the American people." Do you think your presidency ever recovered from that blow?

Bush: I don't know. But I do know that if someone were to read this book they would see a very deliberative process that ultimately gave Saddam Hussein the chance to leave peacefully. And I do believe that he chose war.

One of the things I wanted the reader to know and remember was how widespread the belief was that he had weapons of mass destruction. Not only did people in my administration, including my intelligence community, believe that, but intelligence communities around the world believed it.

Congress overwhelmingly passed a resolution that said use force if necessary to protect the country. I make it clear that it just wasn't Congress that believed that. During President Clinton's time, a resolution passed that (said) regime change was the policy of the United States. My only point is that to make the case, there was an overwhelming belief that he had weapons of mass destruction.

Q: Was there ever a time where you thought, "I wonder if this intelligence is wrong?"

Bush: Yeah, of course. On all intelligence matters you say: Are there any flaws in this intelligence?

But the information was so overwhelming. I make the point in there that (Hosni) Mubarak himself, the president of Egypt, (says) he (Hussein) has biological weapons.

I couldn't understand, if he had no weapons, why he would cling to power. I walk the readers through a very deliberative process, what I call "coercive diplomacy." I am satisfied that I gave diplomacy a chance to work. In other words, before you put troops into harm's way as commander-in-chief, you have got to try to solve the problem.

A lot of people forget what the environment was like prior to March 2003. This book is an attempt to re-create what the environment was like and people can draw their own conclusions about whether or not the removal of Saddam Hussein was the right thing to do. I understand that. I just want people who agree with me or don't agree with me to at least read one man's point of view of what it was like to have to make that decision.

Q: You write that we didn't put enough troops in to secure Baghdad after the initial fight and that you should have had more debate over sending Hussein's army home and getting Baath Party members out of the government. Will military planners look at these as serious mistakes to avoid in future conflicts?

Bush: In the book, there's a lot of do-overs. In other words, if I had to do it over, this is what I would do.

I also put in the book that history ultimately, uh, will view the Iraq war as whether or not democracy was successful. Whether or not it had a transformative effect on the Middle East. The three-year window between '03 and the surge will be analyzed, but the ultimate success or failure of the military operation depends upon the Iraqis themselves.

The idea of not drawing down so quickly and the idea of a smaller footprint made sense at the time. But when you look back at it you say, "Gosh, well, we could have done it differently."

In terms of (Coalition Provisional Authority head) Paul Bremer's recommendations, my point on that story was that had I had it to do over again we'd have spent a lot more time on the subject. He brought it up at a national security meeting, and there was no objection. I should have, as commander in chief, said, "Wait a minute." We may have come to the same conclusion.

Remember, 70 percent of Iraq is Shia, and the idea of keeping Baathist institutions in place could have alienated the Shia. This decision is one that would have made, could have created, enormous hostility. On the other hand, there needed to be a bigger debate.

It was as much a process as anything else. And, again, we may have come to the same conclusion or not.

Q: Let's go to Afghanistan. You write that you decided to "put boots on the ground and keep them there until the Taliban and al-Qaeda were driven out and a free society could emerge." We're still there 10 years later.

Bush: Sure we are.

Q: What happened?

Bush: We were in Korea for years after the armistice divided north and south. My point is that it takes a while for democracy to emerge. There's been some positive developments in Afghanistan, a constitution, a couple of elections. But

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unlike Iraq, Afghanistan is broke. It's a really poor country. And it is influenced mightily by its neighbors.

The fundamental question facing the country is whether or not we have the will, and whether or not future presidents have the vision, to help this democracy succeed. I hope we do. But no question, it's going to take a while.

I walk the reader through the progress and the failures. One failure was that the military operations were affected by an ineffective coalition brought about by the fact that many of our NATO partners, parliaments, would not provide funding if their military became shooters. In other words, if they were in combat.

This created a haphazard approach. It took us 18 months to figure out that would not be effective. Therefore, I ordered more U.S. troops in about the same time we were surging in Iraq. I call it the "silent surge" because nobody paid attention to it.

I praise my successor for making a decision that I thought was a good decision, which was continue to fight. It will be interesting to see what life is like there five years from now or 10 years from now.

Q: When you say it may take a while, how long do you think it's going to take in Afghanistan? How long in Iraq?

Bush: That's hard for me to predict. I do know that the speech I gave in South Korea recently, in front of a stadium full of religious people, an American president would not have given such a speech in 1954.

I also believe that if people are given a chance to be free, they will see, they will take the risk necessary. I believe in the universality of freedom. This is a controversial doctrine, believe it or not. The controversy is best manifested when people say, "Bush is imposing his values." Well, if they're universal values, they are not my values.

Now what made this even more controversial in some places around the world is I believe they are a gift of the Almighty. Just recognition of the Almighty Himself is controversial, believe it or not. I am optimistic that these freedom movements will flourish if the United States does not abandon them.

I talk about the irony of my relationship with (Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro) Koizumi. My dad fought the Japanese. His father was involved with the Japanese government at the time. And yet the sons worked together to enhance mutual security and spread freedom as the alternative to the killers.

I don't think anybody would have predicted that, so I have faith that freedom wins out. I also am realistic enough to know that the security of the country in the long term depends upon the spread of freedom. And that freedom won't take root without the help of the greatest nation ever.

Q: About the economy, you write that "I've often reflected on whether we could have seen the financial crisis coming." As you know, a lot of people blame you for the mess we're in.

Bush: Yeah, that's part of the object of the book, to describe the circumstances around which the house of cards is built that eventually collapsed.

In one way, I did see the crisis coming, and that is Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae had an implicit government guarantee that we felt needed to be dealt with. Therefore, we called upon reform.

It was very important for me to make future readers of history understand that the reforms and regulations we suggested, year after year, were blocked by powerful interests in Washington. I can't tell you whether or not, if those reforms were in place in 2003, things would

have changed. But the idea that somehow we were de-regulating the economy prior to a financial meltdown is just simply not the case.

Secondly, the housing bubble grew over time. Policies of my administration and previous administrations were encouraging first-time homebuyers to buy homes, I thought that was a worthy goal. It's part of the ownership society.

In terms of the collapse, when historians (look at it), people will realize that there was a lot of leverage, a lot of exuberance in the housing market, and that no amount of regulation would have stopped the bad decisions. The country paid a big price. A lot of people lost jobs and lost wealth.

And the crux of the story is: What are you doing as the president? It's one thing to talk about what could have been or what should have been, and it's another thing when you're in the middle of the crisis. I walk the reader through listening to (Treasury Secretary Hank) Paulson and (Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben) Bernanke, two men I really admire. They suggested a full government intervention. And that was a difficult decision because my view was they should fail. On the other hand, I came to the conclusion that if they were to fail, a lot of people would be hurt worse.

Q: On Tuesday, you will break ground on your library and institute. In 20 years, what will that center have accomplished?

Bush: Less people dying in a developing world as a result of a comprehensive strategy that we're now developing, that we hope to convince the public and private sector to implement. Better principals through our education initiative. Civil society being built in the Middle East and being nurtured and built by women. Better understanding of how markets work and an appreciation of how to stimulate private sector job growth as the way to deal with moments of economic calamity, as well as moments of economic calm.

There's going to be a lot of programs that emerge from the moment of our conversation here to 20 years from now. But those will be the four areas of concentration.

I'm excited about it. I really appreciate the hospitality of SMU. They're great partners. The building will be spectacular. It's going to be a place of a lot of thought and, more importantly, a place of action.

People will see historians poring over the boxes and reams of materials there. There's going to be an interesting archive that parallels the presidential archives. And that is an archive for dissidents, reformers, freedom-lovers.

To this end, we've got an interesting project started. People that worked with me during my time in Washington have gone around the world interviewing people like Vaclav Havel, people who escaped North Korean prison camps, Burmese activists, Cuban political prisoners, all folks who are courageous and willing to take risks for freedom. The purpose of (the project) is to make sure the American people understand that there are people who need to be supported, people who are willing to risk their lives for the sake of freedom. It's in our interest as a nation that freedom succeed.

Anyway, we're having a great time with SMU. It gives me a chance to be involved with policy but not politics. I don't want to be.

It's a little ironic to say I don't want to be in the limelight, yet you're putting me in the limelight with this interview. I'm going to emerge, and then I'm going to submerge.

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Overdrive

UNDER THE HOOD

Sticky exhaust valve could lead to stalling

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QUESTION: I have a 1990 Toyota Corolla LE, with automatic transmission, which I purchased new. It now has 101,000 miles on it. In all the years I've had it, there was never a major problem. All the service requirements were done by Toyota service departments.

In the past year or so, if I drive my Corolla at highway speeds of 55-65 mph for at least 10-15 miles, everything runs smoothly. If I exit the freeway, slow down and come to a stop, the engine runs roughly and many times it stalls. It will restart up again in a few seconds and run smoothly again. None of this happens during "city driving," no matter how many miles driven. Please, can you help?—Lloyd Poleselli

ANSWER: Great job explaining the symptoms, Lloyd. You helped me narrow the search to one likely scenario. I believe your EGR valve is sticking open, and that's causing the intermittent rough running or stalling.

EGR, or exhaust-gas recirculation, is an emissions-reducing

strategy that's been widely used on cars and light trucks since the mid-1970s. This system meters a small quantity of exhaust back through the engine a second time, reducing peak combustion temperature, and the formation of NOx, a toxic exhaust emission. The added exhaust, an inert gas, takes up space in the engine's cylinders that would have been air, altering the combustion process. EGR is used during part- to full-throttle operation, but never at idle, because it will cause severe engine roughness or stalling.

Based on your symptom description, I believe your EGR valve, a flying-saucer-shaped metal gadget mounted atop the engine, is occasionally failing to close as the engine returns to idle. If your city driving consists of many starts and stops, without longer intervals at one speed, the EGR valve may not be as active or fully engaged. Perhaps that's why you haven't noticed symptoms then.

During steady driving at moderate to higher speeds, the EGR valve flows exhaust, becoming quite hot. That could result in the valve plunger failing to return to the closed position. It's also pos-

sible the vent filter on the EGR vacuum-switching valve has become dirty, making the EGR valve slow to close.

Troubleshooting the exact cause will require the services of a sharp technician at either the Toyota dealership or an independent repair shop. Here's how to confirm the fault is EGR-related: Locate the EGR valve and temporarily remove the vacuum hose that attaches to it. Block the loose vacuum hose end with an inserted pencil, and duplicate your typical freeway drive. If the Corolla runs smoothly when you stop and once again on the return trip, we've confirmed the fault to be within the EGR system.

If it should still run rough or stall when coming to a stop, another possibility is a lingering torque converter clutch, a transmission-related component. It should fully disengage, just like the EGR, when the vehicle

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QUESTION: I have a 1994 Lincoln Town Car with 111,000 miles on it. It runs really well, except I get a skidding sound from the front if I put my foot on the gas pedal too fast or climb a steep hill. Also, there's a small vibration in the front when going up a hill. The skid sound reminds me of those strips on the highway as you approach a stop sign. Could it be the transmission?

ANSWER: You're close. You're describing a shudder from the torque converter clutch slipping as you apply a load to the transmission when accelerating. The converter clutch is designed to lock the torque converter by applying a hydraulic pressure differential to the clutch, forcing it against the case of the converter and eliminating any slippage. After many years and miles, the seals on the hub of the converter are likely worn to the point of not being able to generate and hold that pressure differential, allowing the clutch to slip. Try adding a can of SeaFoam Trans-Tune to the transmission fluid; this might help the seals function better and hold the clutch engaged.

A complete drain, flush, refill and new filter for the transmission may help the problem, but if not, the long-term fix is to replace the torque converter, which is probably not cost-effective for your vehicle.

On another note, an engine misfire from a bad spark plug or ignition coil can generate a very similar shudder.

Q: I have a 2003 Chevrolet Trail-Blazer that has an engine vibration when the engine is cold and the car is in gear but not moving. After I drive it about 20 minutes, the vibration disappears. It does not vibrate when the car is moving. Can you shed any light on this problem?

A: Does the "check engine" light illuminate? This vibration could be a misfire when cold. A diagnostic test with an electronic engine analyzer during a cold start-up might pinpoint an issue like this. Another possible cause could be a failed engine or transmission mount.

Q: I own a 2010 Chrysler Town & Country. When driven over driveways or the body is torqued, the two rear sliding doors creak. It has gotten worse as the weather gets colder. The dealer says there is no fix because there's no way to adjust the doors.

A: My Alldata automotive database pulled up the "sliding door adjustment" page in Chrysler's service literature that outlines a detailed series of adjustments for the sliding doors, including adjustments for flushness, door gap (up/down and fore/aft), door seal compression, stabilizer and front striker adjustments.

But why not start with the

simple stuff? Directly spray the sliding door gasket or seal with an aerosol silicone lubricant and clean the gasket mating surface on the inside edges of the doors. This may eliminate much of the squeaking.

Q: For a couple of years now, the left front headlight on my 2005 Prius will suddenly switch off but eventually come back on. The Toyota dealer said that because it was working at the time, they couldn't diagnose the problem. Now the right front headlight is doing the same thing, and I'm afraid they both will go off at the same time. Any suggestions?

A: A Toyota technical service bulletin, TSB-0030-08 dated April 2008, outlines the testing procedure for intermittent operation of the HID (high-intensity discharge) headlights that includes voltage-drop tests and a check of the 12-volt connector to the HID control unit. If all this checks out OK, the problem may be in the HID control unit.

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Life & Style

From Dali to Marilyn Monroe, Playboy auctions art

NEW YORK (AP)—Glamorous actresses, Americans Pamela Anderson and Marilyn Monroe, French sex kitten Brigitte Bardot, are names that come to mind when one thinks of the art of Playboy magazine, but how about Salvador Dali?

A Dali watercolor of a reclining nude that hung in Hugh Hefner's bedroom is among 125 artworks being auctioned by the magazine known for baring all for nearly 60 years. The Dec. 8 auction at Christie's is dubbed "The Year of the Rabbit."

Founder and editor-in-chief Hefner said the magazine, which has entertained, titillated and informed with its commissioned art has blurred the lines between fine and popular art.

"Playboy helped to change the very direction of commercial art, breaking down the wall between fine art and commercial art," the 84-year-old Hefner told The Associated Press in an interview at his Los Angeles mansion. "Before Playboy and a few other places, commercial art was essentially Norman Rockwell, very realistic. And we introduced into commercial illustration the whole notion of everything from abstract to semi-abstract to stuff that you found on a gallery wall."

The sale includes 80 photographs, more than a dozen contemporary works and 24 cartoons.

Among them are a photograph of comedian Dan Aykroyd in a conehead costume with a bunny-suited Anderson, a photo of the magazine's 1953 debut cover of Monroe, an early 1960s shot of Bardot and three Alberto Vargas pinup girl watercolor and pencil illustration

boards. The auction's top draw is expected to be an iconic, sexually charged oil of a scarlet-lipstick mouth by pop artist Tom Wesselmann. Portraits of Duke Ellington and Dennis Hopper and a Herb Ritts photo of Elle Macpherson also are for sale.

"It's the tip of the iceberg," said Aaron Baker, curator of the Playboy Art Collection for the past eight years. Chicago-based Playboy houses an archive of 5,000 contemporary artworks and more than 20 million photographs in a storied building in the city.

Since "a lot of these are work products," said Cathy Elkie, Christie's head of private and corporate collections, "there's a link between the collection and the ethos of the publication itself."

Nearly all the items in the sale have appeared in the publication, a cultural icon that helped change American sexual mores.

Given Hefner's early background as an amateur cartoonist, Elkie said, his connection to art always has been strong.

Among the standout fine art pieces is Dali's "Playmate," a 1966 watercolor of a reclining nude that until recently hung over a mantel in Hefner's bedroom at the Playboy Mansion. It is expected to bring \$100,000 to \$150,000. It was one of 11 works chosen for "The Playmate as Fine Art" pictorial for the magazine's January 1967 Playmate review issue that asked artists to create Playmate-inspired art.

"I'm a fan of Dali's and happy to be sharing it," Hefner said, smiling. "It's a reclining nude, so that made it easy to personally identify with it."

The star of the auction, Wesselmann's "Mouth No. 8," depicts the artist's iconic theme of a woman's open, lipsticked mouth. The 1966 work is estimated to bring \$2 million to \$3 million.



"It's a great example of his work from his best period," Baker said.

Some fun items include a number of layout boards, marked up by Playboy's art directors. Some even contain their penciled ratings of the pinups, for example, "88 out of 100," Elkie said.

A Stephen Wayda 1996 cover photograph of Playmate of the Year Stacy Sanchez draped in white fabric in the shape of Playboy's bunny logo is initialed by Hefner and contains editorial comments like "move leg to this position" and "missing eye shadow."

The boards "really take you behind the scenes and show the editorial process," Baker said.

The sale has a number of Monroe images, including a photograph that was used for the cover of Playboy's December 1953 premiere issue. The magazine bought it from the news agency then known as

This image provided by Christie's shows a photograph of Marilyn Monroe that appeared on the first Playboy magazine cover for the December 1953 issue. It is one of 125 items of original art from the Playboy Enterprises archive up for sale at a Dec. 8 auction at Christie's in New York dubbed "The Year of the Rabbit."

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of these incredible nude shots of her that they had never seen before," Baker said.

"You know, it becomes a piece of art because it appears on the cover of Playboy," Hefner noted. "One of the things that set Playboy apart from the very beginning was not simply the pretty ladies and the very good literature, but the fact that we were winning art awards in the very first year."

The UP credit appears on the back of the print, which is estimated to fetch \$10,000 to \$15,000.

An early 1960s print of a demure-looking Bardot in bikini bottoms and hands across her breasts is expected to fetch \$4,000 to \$6,000. The photographer is unknown.

Original famous centerfolds of Anna Nicole Smith, Jenny McCarthy and Anderson also

are included. Not all the material focuses on the erogenous, especially a white plaster cast by George Segal of a pregnant woman seated in a folding chair that was part of the "Playmate of Fine Art" pictorial.

The work is not sensuous, but "for Segal the most beautiful type of woman is one with child," said Baker. The woman is the wife of artist Alfred Leslie, whose work also appeared in the pictorial.

"It's a fun sale ... (that) reflects the spirit of the magazine in a very meaningful and personal way," Elkie said.

Also for sale: a 1970 portrait of Hefner in his signature smoking jacket and pipe. Commissioned for the old Playboy mansion in Chicago in the late 1960s, Playboy Enterprise inherited it after Hefner moved to Los Angeles in the early 1970s. It has a \$5,000 to \$7,000 estimate.

The December sale marks the second time Christie's has sold items from Playboy. On its 50th anniversary in 2003, Christie's offered memorabilia and ephemera from Playboy's collection.

"This one's really more about the art," said Elkie of the December sale.

Swedish hotel replaces room keys with mobile phone

By MALIN RISING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Visitors to a Stockholm hotel will be able to use mobile phones instead of keys to unlock the doors to their rooms.

Assa Abloy AB, the world's largest maker of door locks, has launched a pilot in which Clarion Hotel Stockholm will lend customers mobile phones with close-range radio chips, much like devices used for contactless payments at gas stations.

Repeat visitors during a four-month trial will be able to check in through their phones before arrival and have their phones activated as "keys." They will then be able to skip the registration desk and unlock the door

by holding the phone next to it.

The short-range radio technology, known as Near Field Communication, is expected to be built into smart phones in the coming years. It is also envisioned for ticketing and card payments. Assa Abloy says it wanted to test the system before expanding it to other hotels, commercial buildings and homes.

Greger Johansson, a telecommunications analyst at research firm Redeye, said NFC is a hot technology in the mobile phone market. But he said few models have incorporated it so far and it will take "several years" before it becomes widely used.

"It's not just a matter of incorporating the technology into the phones," he said. "You need

someone who can read it too. There are quite a few players involved so it will take a while until it works well."

The head of Assa Abloy's mobile keys division, Daniel Berg, acknowledged that participants in the trial may find it cumbersome to have an extra mobile phone.

But once people have the technology in their own phones, he said, it will save them time at check-in and improve security because the access credentials in a lost phone can be revoked remotely.

He said the phone technology works with existing radio-enabled locks, so hotels can continue giving key cards to visitors who don't have the new technology in their phones.

In Loving Memory of

Henoleen Santos Camacho

Lovingly known as "Lynn" and "Eno"

The family of Henoleen, would like to inform all friends, co-workers, and extended family that Lynn passed away on November 13, 2010.

Nightly Mass is being held at Santa Soledad Church in Kagman at 6:00 p.m. and will end on Wednesday, November 17.

Lynn was born on the beautiful island of Pohnpei on December 25, 1958. She traveled to many places where she joined her husband during his military assignments, raised a beautiful family, and settled in the beautiful village of Kagman on Saipan.

In her new life, Lynn now joins her:

Father:	†William Nanpei Santos
Mother:	†Elphina Une Santos
Brother:	†Welberson

Lynn is survived by her:

Husband:	Edward C. Camacho
Children:	Winfred (Kobe Jordan), Chinnelle, and Yolani

She is further survived and will be missed by her loving brothers, sisters, uncles, aunties, nephews, nieces, future "children-in-law," and very close friends who became "family" to Lynn at the many places she also called home.

Lynn's funeral services will begin at 7:00 a.m. on November 18 at the CHC Chapel. At 10:00 am, a Mass in her honor will be held at the Santa Soledad Church, followed by her flight to the island of Pohnpei for her final resting place.

Funeral services on Pohnpei will be in Dolonier and Rohn Kitt, beginning Friday afternoon on November 19, and ending on Saturday November 20, 2010.

Edward C. Camacho and Children

With Week 1 behind him, how will Conan fare now?

BY FRAZIER MOORE
AP TELEVISION WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—Conan O'Brien has finished his first week on TBS with a hefty sampling by a remarkably younger-skewing audience.

Thursday's show drew 2 million viewers, less than half the number who gathered for his much-awaited, much-promoted debut on Monday, according to the Nielsen Co.

But of those 2 million viewers, nearly 1.4 million were in the 18-to-49 age group that many advertisers want to reach. All this week, cable network TBS has crowed about the median age for "Conan" viewers—about 30 years old. By contrast, the median audiences for late-night talk shows on the broadcast networks crack the 50-year-old mark, or push past it.

For "Conan"—which airs Mondays through Thursdays at 11 p.m. EST—the big question becomes: How many more viewers will fall away as his new show's core audience reveals itself?

The answer could be coming as soon as next week.

"I never take the first week seriously," industry analyst Shari Anne Brill said Friday. "I think Week Two is the indicator. That's when you start looking at who the audience is."

"I think by then, Conan will be close to where he's going to end up," media analyst Steve Sternberg agreed. "And if he maintains an audience of 1 million 18-to-49-year-olds, I think TBS will be happy with him."

After eight months on the sidelines after his brief stint hosting "The Tonight Show," and his bitter exit from NBC last January, O'Brien returned to late night amid much media attention as viewers flocked to welcome him back.

"He was almost like a folk hero," said Brill. "A lot of people were tuning in for curiosity's sake."

Looking rested, ready and typically self-skewering, O'Brien greeted guests, who included "Mad Men" star Jon Hamm; Julie Bowen of "Modern Family"; and the clearly-game-for-anything Tom Hanks, who, while chatting with O'Brien on Tuesday's show, was drenched by a diving whale (you had to be there).

On Wednesday's "Conan," the host shared with viewers a list of rejected titles for his new show. Among them were "Plan B With Conan O'Brien," "One Hour to Lopez" and "One Night Closer to Death."

"We've been having a great first week here at TBS," he said during Thursday's monologue. "But if this doesn't work out, you can catch me next fall on my new VH1 show, 'Coning for Love.'"

It may not come to that.

Audience-wise, "he may stay about where he is now," Sternberg says. "And if he does, he's a hit."



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In this undated publicity image released by TBS, TV host Conan O'Brien, is shown.

EU probes Elton John concert it had funded

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union said Friday it wants to know if some of its funds were misused last year for an Elton John concert in Italy just as the financial crisis was forcing member nations into austerity.

EU spokesman Ton van Lierop said Friday the EU Commission wants "to know as quickly as possible" why local authorities used money typically earmarked to boost investment projects of poorer EU countries for the British pop star's concert.

John performed before tens of thousands of people in September 2009 in the heart of Naples at the Piedigrotta festival, which is backed by local authorities.

National authorities have a lot of leeway on what spending to approve from such investment funds under €50 million (\$69 million), including cultural projects, but the Commission wants to know why any money was used for such a concert.

Van Lierop said in a telephone interview that €2.25 million of EU funds were invested in the festival, with €720,000 dedicated to organizing the Elton John concert.

He said the use of such funds for cultural ends often consisted of renovating historic buildings or setting up cultural centers rather than one-time concerts.

Dario Scalabrini, artistic director of the Piedigrotta festival, defended the use of the funds, saying they were intended to promote the area and the concert did just that.

The money went entirely for Elton John's performance fee, he said. He said the concert was broadcast live on state TV and drew 100,000 spectators, including 6,000 tourists.

Elton John set Naples Plebiscito square alight that night with such classics like "Candle in the wind" and "Your song."

The whiff of budgetary scandal comes at a bad time, since European Union nations want to contain the EU budget while they also have to contain spending at home to keep their budget in line.

Van Lierop said the probe into the concert will be included in a general assessment on how Naples' region of Campania puts EU funds to good use. If the use of some funds are deemed inappropriate, the amount of money could be withheld in a future disbursement.

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Skyline

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Donald Faison, Eric Balfour
 Science, Fiction • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

A series of blindingly bright lights appear all over Los Angeles, mesmerizing the citizens of the city while luring them to an uncertain fate in this sci-fi thriller from sibling filmmakers Greg and Colin Strause. As speculation regarding the origin of the mysterious lights runs rampant, a Los Angeles entrepreneur (Donald Faison), his best friend, Jarrod (Eric Balfour), and Jarrod's frightened girlfriend (Scottie Thompson) struggle to resist temptation as they seek out the source of the luminous threat.



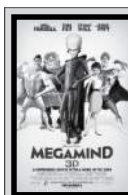
Unstoppable

Friday 4:05 7:05 9:35
 Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:35
 Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
 Mon through Thurs 4:05 7:05

Denzel Washington, Chris Pine
 Action • Rated PG 13

Synopsis

Denzel Washington and Star Trek's Chris Pine star in this action thriller from director Tony Scott. The plot surrounds two locomotive operators who team up to stop a runaway train filled with explosives. Live Free or Die Hard's Mark Bomback provides the script for the 20th Century Fox production, co-starring Rosario Dawson.



Megamind

Friday 4:00 7:00 9:30
 Saturday 1:00 4:00 7:00 9:30
 Sunday 1:00 4:00 7:00
 Mon through Thurs 4:00 7:00

Will Farrell, Tina Fey
 Comedy, Children's/family • Rated PG

Synopsis

DreamWorks Animation presents this satirical take on the superhero genre focusing on a down-and-out super villain who has to learn how to get his groove back when he's left without an arch nemesis in this comedy from directors Cameron Hood and Kyle Jefferson.



Due Date

Friday 4:20 7:20 9:40
 Saturday 1:20 4:20 7:20 9:40
 Sunday 1:20 4:20 7:20
 Mon through Thurs 4:20 7:20

Robert Downey, Jr., Zach Galifianakis
 Comedy • Rated R



The Social Network

Friday 4:25 7:25 9:55
 Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
 Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
 Mon through Thurs 4:25 7:25

Jesse Eisenberg, Justin Timberlake
 Drama • Rated PG 13



Paranormal Activity 2

Friday 4:30 7:30 10:00
 Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
 Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
 Mon through Thurs 4:30 7:30

Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat
 Thriller • Rated R



Red

Friday 4:15 7:15 9:50
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Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman
 Thriller, Action • Rated PG 13

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'Megamind' continues box office success with \$30M

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Will Ferrell's dastardly schemes continue to succeed, with the animated "Megamind" staying at the top of the box office.

The DreamWorks Animation 3-D comedy, featuring Ferrell as the voice of a super villain, made just over \$30 million in its second week in theaters, according to Sunday studio estimates. It's now made nearly \$90 million total. "Megamind" also features the voices of Brad Pitt, Tina Fey and Jonah Hill.

Opening in second place is the 20th Century Fox action thriller "Unstoppable," starring Denzel Washington and Chris Pine as railroad workers trying to stop a massive runaway train. It made \$23.5 million. The movie is based on a 2001 Ohio incident in which a train carrying hazardous cargo traveled 66 miles (106 kilometers) without a crew.

Last week's No. 2 film, "Due Date," fell to the third spot with \$15.5 million. The Warner Bros. comedy features Robert Downey Jr. and Zach Galifianakis as opposites stuck together on a cross-country road trip. It's now made \$59 million in two weeks.

Among the weekend's other new releases, "Skyline" opened in fourth place with \$11.7 million. The Universal Pictures sci-fi thriller depicts aliens invading and destroying Los Angeles.

And "Morning Glory," a Paramount comedy set in a network morning show starring Rachel McAdams, Harrison Ford and Diane Keaton, opened at No. 5 with about \$9.6 million.

Anne Globe, head of world-wide marketing for DreamWorks Animation, said positive word of mouth helped "Megamind" remain on top.

"It's exciting because audiences are clearly responding very well to the movie," said Globe. "This was a decided No.

1. **"Megamind,"** \$30 million.
2. **"Unstoppable,"** \$23.5 million.
3. **"Due Date,"** \$15.5 million.
4. **"Skyline,"** 11.7 million.
5. **"Morning Glory,"** \$9.6 million.
6. **"For Colored Girls,"** \$6.75 million.
7. **"Red,"** \$5.1 million.
8. **"Paranormal Activity 2,"** \$3 million.
9. **"Saw 3-D,"** \$2.75 million.
10. **"Jackass 3-D,"** \$2.3 million.

1 again. We were only down 35 percent, which is a pretty terrific hold for the movie."

But "Megamind" is the rare family movie in theaters these days, which also helps, said Hollywood.com analyst Paul Dergarabedian. Next week, the feverishly anticipated first half of the "Harry Potter" finale, "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1," debuts.

"Up until 'Megamind' the marketplace was virtually devoid of any family films," Dergarabedian said. "The R-rated films were dominating: You had 'Paranormal Activity 2,' 'Saw 3-D,' 'Jackass 3D.'"

Jessica Simpson engaged to former NFLer Johnson

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Look out, Nick. Jessica is engaged now too.

Jessica Simpson representatives Lauren Auslander and Cindi Berger tell The Associated Press that the singer and some-

time actress is engaged to former NFL player Eric Johnson.

The announcement comes less than two weeks after Jessica Simpson's former husband and "Newlyweds" co-star Nick Lachey announced his engage-

ment to longtime girlfriend Vanessa Minnillo.

The 30-year-old Simpson and 31-year-old Johnson—who played for the San Francisco 49ers and New Orleans Saints—have been dating since May.

Simpson tells People magazine she'll be singing on a float in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and her fiancé and his family will be joining her. Simpson and Lachey split in 2005 after three years of marriage.

Clinton gives thumbs-up to new Bush memoir

NEW YORK (AP)—Critics are mixed about George W. Bush's memoir, but the former president has received a rave from a fellow White House alumnus, Bill Clinton.

"Decision Points" is well-written, and interesting from start to finish. I think people of all political stripes should read it," Clinton said in a statement

released Friday. "George W. Bush also gives readers a good sense of what it's like to be president, to take the responsibilities of the office seriously, do what you think is right, and let history be the judge. The book may not change the minds of those who disagree with decisions President Bush made, but it will help you to understand better the

forces that molded him, and the convictions that drove him to make those decisions."

Clinton is friendly with Bush and Bush's father, former President George H.W. Bush, whom Clinton defeated for re-election in 1992. The bond between Clinton and the elder Bush is noted in "Decision Points," which came out Tuesday.

Clinton never ran against the younger Bush, but he is winning so far in a key ex-presidential competition: Book sales. According to Random House, Inc., which published "Decision Points" and Clinton's "My Life," Bush's memoir had first-day sales of around 220,000 copies. "My Life," released in 2004, debuted with sales of 400,000 copies.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

Zsa Zsa Gabor hospitalized for blood clot

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A spokesman for actress Zsa Zsa Gabor says the actress has been admitted to a Los Angeles hospital for treatment of painful swelling in her legs. John Blanchette says Gabor was admitted to Ronald Reagan UCLA Hospital earlier today after a doctor visited her at home, and said she had massive blood clots in her legs, which could make her vulnerable to a heart attack. The 93-year-old Hungarian-born Gabor has been hospitalized several times this year, and asked for a priest to read her last rites in August. Since summer, Gabor has undergone surgery to remove clots from her upper body and has had a hip replacement surgery.

'Girls Gone Wild' distributor booked in US death

WEST HOLLYWOOD, California (AP)—The head of the Australian distributor of "Girls Gone Wild" is accused in a fatal hit-and-run crash in Southern California. Ryan Bowman of Zeal Entertainment was being held Friday on \$2 million bail after being booked for felony vehicular manslaughter. Los Angeles County sheriff's officials say Bowman's Bentley struck and killed 21-year-old Lauren Ann Freeman as she crossed a street Wednesday night in West Hollywood. Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore says she was thrown about 60 feet (18.3 meters) and the Bentley was found abandoned about a mile (kilometer) away. The 34-year-old Bowman surrendered Thursday with his attorney and invoked his Fifth Amendment right not to speak. Bowman remained in custody Friday and is due in court Monday. Whitmore says his passport was confiscated.

'The Simpsons' is renewed for 23rd season



NEW YORK (AP)—Raise a can of Duff's beer! Fox network says "The Simpsons" will be back next fall for its 23rd season.

Fox says that will bring the animated series to a total of 515 episodes. "The Simpsons" is the longest-running comedy in TV history. The network announced the renewal Thursday.

Since premiering in December 1989, "The Simpsons" was won 27 Emmy awards. In the meantime, family patriarch Homer Simpson has consumed an uncountable number of doughnuts and Duff's.

In this undated image released by Fox Television, characters from the animated series, "The Simpsons," clockwise from top left, Homer, Marge, Maggie, pet dog Santa's Little Helper, Bart, Snowball II and Lisa are shown.

AP

Sugarland members settle founder's \$14M lawsuit

ATLANTA (AP)—The two members of the country duo Sugarland avoided a nasty public trial with the group's founding member, settling a lawsuit over claims that she was owed an estimated \$14 million of the band's profits after she left to pursue a solo career five years ago.

Sugarland, which last week was named the Country Music Association's vocal duo of the year, was set to go to trial Monday with founding member Kristen Hall over claims she was owed one-third of the band's profits even though she quit the band in December 2005.

U.S. District Judge Timothy Batten signed a court order Friday saying the parties reached a settlement. Terms of the agreement were not disclosed, but Batten gave both sides until Dec. 13 to complete the agreement. Attorneys for the parties could not immediately be reached for comment.

Hall sued Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush in 2008, claiming that she should have been given a third of the group's profits—a sum her lawyers said could exceed \$14 million.

The complaint said Hall, who founded the band in 2002, set



AP

The band Sugarland with Jennifer Nettles and Kristian Bush accept the Vocal Duo of the Year Award at the 43rd Annual Country Music Awards in Nashville, Tenn. Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2010.

the stage for the group's success by acting as its manager, marketing officer and tour organizer in its early years. It said she used her personal credit cards to pay for the band's expenses, and that she "collaborated generously" on the debut album, which sold millions of copies.

Nettles and Bush countered in court documents that Hall never reached a profit-sharing agreement with them when she quit. They said they were left to repay almost \$100,000 in debts after Hall left, and that she had "no expectation that the parties would ever work together again."

Friend's mysterious lover is just an ordinary fake

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: My dear friend "Shelby" has been involved with a man for three years. "Mr. Secret Agent" is always on the go and can visit her only occasionally because of all of his international business travels. She told me he is from New Zealand and plans to return there when he retires in a few years.

Something about him just didn't feel right to me, so I did some Internet sleuthing and discovered that Shelby's "successful businessman" was born right here in the U.S.A. He has no passport, is using an assumed name, works as a janitor, has filed bankruptcy twice and actually lives in a trailer.

Shelby is overjoyed when he comes to visit her, but I am getting tired of hearing his lies. I know she'll be hurt, but don't you think she deserves to know the truth? I'm concerned he may extort money from her. What should I do?

2 GOOD 2 BE TRUE IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR 2 GOOD 2 BE TRUE: The first thing to do is confess to your friend that you did some snooping and learned some troubling information about her gentleman friend. Then offer to share it with her so she can decide for herself if continuing a relationship with him is something she wants to do. She may or may not be interested—and she may or may not thank you for wising her up. Be prepared for her to be upset—but it's a risk you should take.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a suggestion for people who are stuck for gift ideas. Several years ago, I asked my mom for a very special Christmas gift. I asked her to write down her life story—things she had done as a child, the experience of hitchhiking from New Mexico to Tennessee during the Great Depression, and all the other experiences of her life. She did, and I printed it for her. That year she gave each child, grandchild and great-grandchild a copy. It was the best Christmas present ever and one that's still cherished by us all.

Both my parents are gone now, but we have Mom's wonderful stories to remember. Without her book, those memories would be lost forever. I encourage everyone to record their family history and memories for your loved ones to read. You'll never regret it, and it will be enjoyed for generations to come.

ANDREW IN JOHNSON CITY, TENN.

DEAR ANDREW: That's a terrific suggestion. And if the parent or grandparent isn't comfortable with writing, the same goal can be accomplished by setting up a video camera and interviewing the family member by asking questions about his or her youth.

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DEAR ABBY: I left my abusive husband two years ago. My parents and my brother chose him over me. My father and brother kicked me out of their house when I tried to explain, while my mother stood there and said nothing.

My father is now dying and I don't know what I should do. I feel like talking to him would be "giving in." My family made their choice two years ago. Abby, I am torn. How do I forgive my father when I don't think he deserves it?

THE ONE LEFT BEHIND IN OREGON

DEAR ONE LEFT BEHIND: Frankly, you don't. If you had said your father had ASKED for forgiveness, my answer might be different. But unless your father asks to see you, keep your distance. That is, unless you want to risk yet another dose of rejection.

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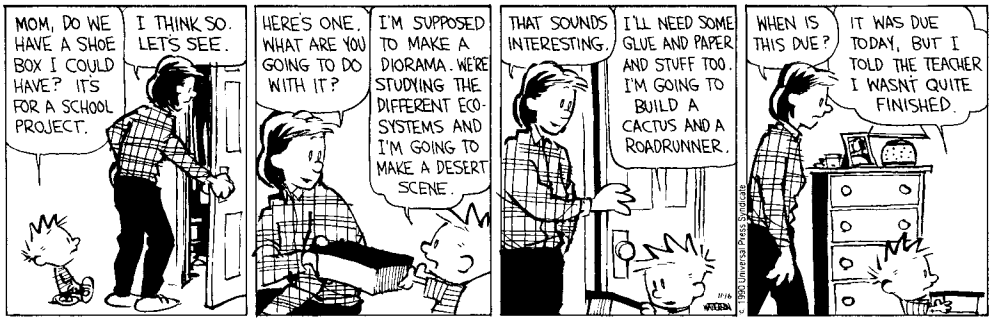
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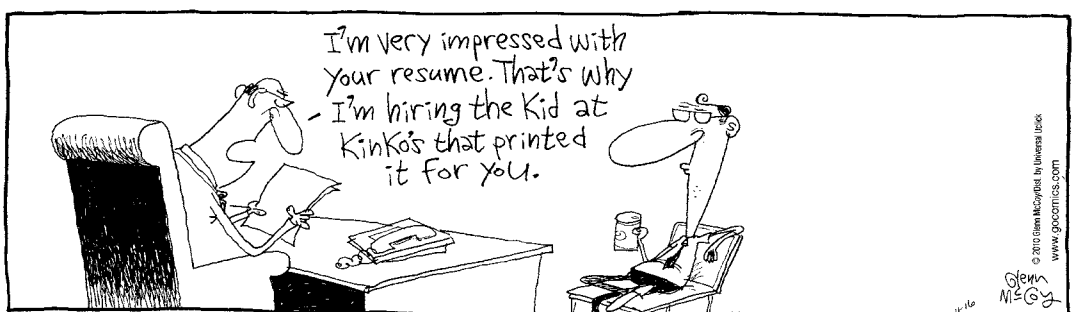
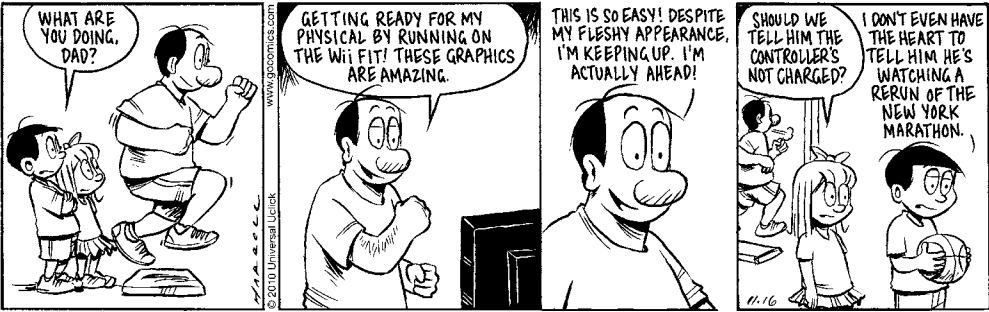
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Yesterday's answer 11-16

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Maggie Gyllenhaal, 33; Martha Plimpton, 40; Dwight Gooden, 46; Marg Helgenberger, 52

Happy Birthday: Do everything in your power to make your home user-friendly and relaxing. It has to be your place to go, chill out, get the most done and spend time with the people you enjoy. Making a difference will count for something this year and must be given ample effort and time. The sooner you put change into play, the easier it will be to get everything else in your life up to par. Your numbers are 3, 11, 21, 24, 33, 38, 47

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Getting emotional over money, legal or health problems will stand in the way of doing what needs to be done. There are all sorts of opportunities available to you if you are willing to speak up and respond. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have to take the initiative and stay in control. Serious effort will bring the type of reaction and rewards you are hoping for. A partnership will adapt, no matter what choice you make. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do the best job possible and don't worry about what anyone else thinks or does. Love is on the rise and getting involved with someone new or rekindling the flame with your current partner will do wonders for you personally and emotionally. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may think it's best to keep things exactly the same but you can do so much better if you adapt and update the way you do things. So-

cializing more will help you broaden your perspective professionally and personally. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Getting along with people you want to do business with or get something from should be your top concern. You will learn from connections made through networking functions you attend. A lifestyle change will do you good. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let someone bully you into putting him or her first. Take care of your own business whether it's personal or professional. A change in one of your partnerships will be sudden; don't let it disrupt your plans. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There will be plenty to be concerned about. Don't let anyone infringe on your time when you are supposed to be taking care of important details. You must finish what you start. Excuses will lead to a poor reputation. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You've got so much going for you. Don't think you aren't ready because every last detail isn't in place. Whatever you have to present is a changing playing field, ready to morph into something different with the contributions made by others. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll find it difficult to get along with others if you take what's said literally. Hostility will not help your situation. Hold onto your thoughts until you are sure you aren't going to offend or damage your chance to advance. **

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Brady's 3 TDs lead Pats past Steelers



PITTSBURGH (AP)—Tom Brady maintained his mastery of the Steelers, throwing three touchdown passes to tight end Rob Gronkowski and scoring once himself, and the Patriots bounced back from an embarrassing 20-point loss by beating the Steelers 39-26 on Sunday night.

No NFL team wins more on its home field than Pittsburgh, but no opposing player wins there like Brady, who has won six of seven overall against the Steelers and four of five at Heinz Field. He was 30 of 43 for 350 yards with no sacks or interceptions, and now has 14 career TD throws and three interceptions against the Steelers.

The Patriots and AFC East-rival Jets are tied for the conference's top record at 7-2.

Pittsburgh (6-3), its normally dominating defense shredded by Brady during its second home-field loss this season, drops back into a first-place tie with Baltimore in the AFC North. The Steelers played most of the game without wide receiver Hines Ward (neck), whose streak of 186 consecutive games with a reception ended.

Brady threw only one incompleteness during a 70-yard drive on New England's first possession that ended with his 19-yard TD throw to Gronkowski, a rookie who played his high school senior season in Pittsburgh.

New England started the second half with a near-identical 78-yard drive that Brady finished off with a 9-yard throw to Gronkowski, making it 17-3 and silencing a partisan crowd of 64,359 that rarely sees a rival quarterback being so effective and efficient.

Except Brady, of course.

As good as ever against Pittsburgh, he was more emotional than usual—screaming during huddles, yelling at linemen for penalties—perhaps reflecting his unhappiness at losing 34-14 the week before at Cleveland.

Brady, who has averaged 373 yards in his last three starts against Pittsburgh, found Gronkowski for a third time on a 25-yarder that upped it to 36-18 and emptied out whatever fans hadn't already left.

Brady methodically led drive after drive by throwing underneath Pittsburgh's two-deep zone defense. The quick throws—welcome back, Wes Welker—confused the Steelers' defense and negated Pittsburgh's oft-successful blitzing schemes.

Welker, whose production has been nearly cut in half since last season and reduced even more since Randy Moss' departure, made eight catches for 89 yards. Gronkowski had five for 72 yards. BenJarvus Green-Ellis ran for 87 yards, the most against Pittsburgh's defense this season.

James Sanders effectively ended it with a 32-yard touchdown return of an interception with 8 1/2 minutes remaining on a throw by Roethlisberger that was tipped by Patrick Chung—though there were three more touchdowns, two by Pittsburgh.

When it comes to winning, the Patriots and Steelers are the pinnacles of the NFL. The Patriots' .632 winning percentage since free agency began in 1993 is the NFL's best, and the Steelers are second at .627. Brady's .767 winning percentage coming in led all quar-

terbacks, and Roethlisberger's .700 was second.

Think how much better the Steelers' record would be if they didn't meet up with Brady.

The Steelers, unable to solve New England's defense for most of three quarters while trailing 17-3, took advantage of a 38-yard pass interference penalty on Brandon Meriweather to advance to the Patriots 8 late in the third quarter. But Roethlisberger threw incomplete on second and third down, and Jeff Reed missed a chip-shot 26-yard field goal—his seventh miss of the season.

Jets 26, Browns 20

In Cleveland, Antonio Holmes scored on a 37-yard touchdown pass from Mark Sanchez with 16 seconds left in overtime, giving New York victory over Cleveland and an eighth straight regular-season road win.

It was the second consecutive overtime victory for the Jets after Detroit a week ago. New York overcame three missed field goals by Nick Folk, including a 47-yarder in overtime.

On first down, Sanchez whipped a quick pass to Holmes, who after catching it, stepped inside rookie safety T.J. Ward and sprinted to the end zone.

The Browns had forced overtime when rookie quarterback Colt McCoy had a 3-yard touchdown pass to Mohamed Massaquoi with 44 seconds left in regulation.

Dolphins 29, Titans 17

In Miami, the hosts achieved their season-high point total despite losing two quarterbacks to injury in beating Tennessee.

After Miami quarterbacks Chad Pennington (shoulder) and Chad Henne (knee) departed with injuries, third-stringer Tyler Thigpen led an 85-yard drive in the fourth quarter to seal the bizarre victory.

The Dolphins snapped a five-game home losing streak, including three losses this season. Tennessee lost coming off a bye for the first time in five years.

Kerry Collins started at quarterback for the Titans and struggled through the first half before departing with a calf injury. Vince Young replaced him despite a sprained left ankle and threw for only 92 yards with two turnovers.

Randy Moss had only one reception in his first game with the Titans.

Jaguars 31, Texans 24

In Jacksonville, Florida, Mike Thomas caught a 50-yard touchdown pass from David Garrard on the final play of the game, with the ball deflected into his hands by Houston defensive back Glover Quin.

The game looked as if it was going to overtime, but Garrard heaved a pass toward the end zone with no time on the clock. Quin, who was burned all afternoon, tried to knock the ball to the ground.

Thomas, who was trailing behind the pass and looking for a ricochet, caught it at the 1-yard line and then stepped across the goal line for the winning score.

The Jaguars drew a celebration penalty that couldn't be enforced. The Texans trudged off the field in disbelief. It was Houston's third straight loss, dropping them from the top of the AFC South to the bottom.



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady (12) passes in the second quarter of the NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers, Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010 in Pittsburgh.

The Jaguars had a chance to take the lead in the closing minutes, but Josh Scobee yanked a 43-yard field goal left. The miss gave Houston the ball with a chance to win it, but the Texans needed to drive 67 yards in 1:34 with no timeouts. They got close to field-goal range, but Joel Dreessen fumbled on a third-and-15 play, giving the Jaguars one more shot.

Bears 27, Vikings 13

In Chicago, the host beat a misfiring Minnesota and moved into a tie with Green Bay for the NFC North lead.

Jay Cutler threw for three touchdowns and Devin Hester had two big returns for the Bears.

It was a rough day for Brett Favre and the Vikings, who needed to win and beat the Packers next week to jump back into the division race.

Favre had 170 yards passing after a career-best 446 last week. He threw three interceptions—all in the second half—and two late in the game that wiped out whatever chance the Vikings had at a comeback. Chicago held Adrian Peterson to 51 yards rushing.

Cutler completed 22 of 35 passes for 237 yards with two interceptions.

Cowboys 33, Giants 20

In East Rutherford, New Jersey, Dallas looked revitalized under interim coach Jason Garrett, beating New York.

Jon Kitna passed for 327 yards and three touchdowns: from 13 yards to rookie Dez Bryant, 71 to halfback Felix Jones and 24 to Miles Austin as Dallas snapped a five-game losing streak in its first game since Garrett replaced Wade Phillips.

Rookie cornerback Bryan McCann scored on a team-record 101-yard interception return in a game highlighted by big plays and two third-quarter

power failures that delayed the game for 11 minutes.

Eli Manning threw two touchdown passes for the Giants, who had a five-game winning streak snapped.

Colts 23, Bengals 17

In Indianapolis, Peyton Manning didn't throw a TD pass for the second game this season but Indianapolis still managed to beat Cincinnati.

Kelvin Hayden returned an interception for a touchdown and Javaris James ran for a TD to lead the Colts, who scored 17 points off five turnovers and stopped the Bengals twice in the final 2:40.

Cincinnati has lost six straight and dropped to 0-7 against Manning. The Bengals created most of their own problems. Carson Palmer was picked off three times and nearly had two returned for touchdowns. Cedric Benson's first-half fumble led to another Indy touchdown.

Broncos 49, Chiefs 29

In Denver, the hosts racked up their biggest score in 47 years to trounce Kansas City.

Kyle Orton threw a career-high four touchdown passes, Tim Tebow had two TDs and Knowshon Moreno topped 100 yards for the first time.

Snapping a four-game losing streak, the Broncos kept alive their chances of getting back into the playoff race.

The only time the Broncos scored more points was in 1963, when they put up 50 against the San Diego Chargers.

The Broncos stuffed the Chiefs' vaunted ground game by taking a 35-0 lead behind a trio of TD passes from Orton, a 1-yard run by Tebow and a 75-yard fumble return for a TD by linebacker Jason Hunter.

Tebow also threw his first NFL pass, a 3-yard touchdown toss to fullback Spencer Larsen.

Seahawks 36, Cardinals 18

In Glendale, Arizona, Matt Hasselbeck returned from a one-game absence to throw for 333 yards and lead Seattle past Arizona.

Mike Williams caught 11 passes for 145 yards and Olindo Mare kicked five goals for the Seahawks.

Williams, out of the NFL the past two seasons after flopping in Detroit, had career highs for receptions and yards as Seattle beat Arizona for the first time since 2006.

The Cardinals lost their fourth straight, their longest skid since eight in a row in 2006.

49ers 23, Rams 20, OT

In San Francisco, Joe Nedney kicked a 29-yard field goal in overtime as San Francisco edged St. Louis.

The 49ers quarterback Troy Smith passed for 356 yards, throwing a go-ahead 16-yard touchdown pass to Michael Crabtree with 2:10 left in regulation.

After Sam Bradford and Steven Jackson led the Rams back for Josh Brown's 33-yard field goal on the final snap of regulation, St. Louis couldn't get a first down after winning the overtime coin toss.

Smith swiftly moved the 49ers 55 yards, converting on third down for the first time in the game when St. Louis' Oshiomogho Atogwe was called for a 22-yard pass interference penalty.

Buccaneers 31, Panthers 16

In Tampa, Florida, Josh Freeman threw two touchdown passes and rookie LeGarrette Blount ran for a score to lead surprising Tampa Bay over Carolina.

Freeman threw TD passes of 8 yards to Arrelious Benn and 20 yards to Kellen Winslow for the NFL's youngest team.

Blount scored on a 17-yard run that finished a long second-quarter drive as the Bucs rebounded from a loss to Atlanta that knocked them out of first place in the NFC South.

Cadillac Williams put the game out of reach with a 45-yard TD burst on third-and-10 late in the fourth quarter.

Rookie Jimmy Clausen made his fourth start at quarterback for injury-riddled Carolina, which got 100 yards rushing from fourth-string running back Mike Goodson.

Bills 14, Lions 12

In Orchard Park, New York, Fred Jackson scored two touchdowns in leading Buffalo to its first victory of the season and sending Detroit to an NFL-record setting 25th consecutive road loss.

Jackson scored on a 1-yard plunge and a 16-yard catch in a sloppy game played in rain-soaked conditions between two perennial losers.

Buffalo ended what had been its worst start to a season since going 0-11 in 1984. The Lions broke the road losing streak they set in dropping 24 in a row from 2001-2003.

The win wasn't assured until Detroit quarterback Shaun Hill overthrew Brandon Pettigrew at the back of the end zone on a failed 2-point conversion attempt with 14 seconds left. The Lions had pulled within two points on Hill's 20-yard TD pass to Calvin Johnson.

Spurs winning streak reaches 7, beat Thunder



OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—Matt Bonner scored 21 points and just missed the Spurs franchise record by hitting all seven of his 3-point shots, helping San Antonio stretch its winning streak to seven games with a 117-104 victory against the Oklahoma City Thunder on Sunday night.

Bonner swished home three of his 3s during a 21-8 run to open the fourth quarter, and the NBA's best 3-point shooting team went 6-for-8 from behind the arc to pull away in the final period.

Bonner led the way, falling one shy of Steve Smith's record for 3-point accuracy. He went 8-for-8 from 3-point range against Portland on Nov. 3, 2001.

Tony Parker scored 24 points, Manu Ginobili added 21 and Richard Jefferson had 18 for the Spurs.

Kevin Durant had a season-low 23 points and Russell Westbrook scored 19 for the Thunder.

The Spurs trailed the entire first half and didn't lead by more than three until Jefferson connected on a 3-pointer from the left corner late in the third quarter to make it 82-78. From there, the 3s kept coming.

Gary Neal and Bonner hit early in the fourth quarter, then Bonner sank another from the right wing and—after Ginobili got into the action—one from the left wing. When the Thunder called timeout to stop the spurt, Tim Duncan greeted Bonner at the bench by tousling his red hair.

The Spurs shot just 41 percent from the field but finished 11-for-20 on 3-pointers, improving on their league-leading 42.7 percent.

Oklahoma City, the NBA's worst 3-point shooting team at 23 percent, simply didn't have an answer despite efforts by Durant and James Harden.

Harden led a strong effort from the Thunder's bench with 14 points, Serge Ibaka added 13 points and Eric Maynor had 12.

Jeff Green had 12 points in his return after missing the previous three games with a sprained left ankle, and Nick Collison drew a charge in his season debut after missing the first eight games with a left leg injury.

The Spurs missed nine of their first 10 shots and fell behind by 12 before scoring the final seven points of the first quarter. Bonner hit his first 3-pointer in the final 5 seconds of the first quarter, then hit three more to keep San Antonio within striking distance in the second.

DeJuan Blair scored seven in a row on a tip-in, a steal for



San Antonio Spurs guard Tony Parker, center, goes up for a shot in front of, from left, Oklahoma City Thunder forward Serge Ibaka, Spurs forward Tim Duncan, and Thunder guard James Harden in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Sunday, Nov. 14, 2010.

Heat know they'll be scrutinized all season long

MIAMI (AP)—Now 10 games into the season, there are two undeniable truths about the Heat: People are listening to everything they say, and people are dissecting everything they say.

"I didn't know there were so many opinionated people," forward Chris Bosh said.

That's a lesson he and the rest of the Heat are apparently learning on the fly this season.

Forget the buzz generated by the blockbuster summer that brought Bosh, Dwyane Wade and LeBron James to Miami. Just in the past week, a slew of things—all of which had very little to do with X's and O's—got analyzed in ways that even some Heat players couldn't understand.

A rift between James and Erik Spoelstra?

A shot at Canadian cable television systems?

A precursor to an imminent coaching change?

All part of the week that was for Miami, story lines that took off in ways that the Heat found both amusing and frustrating.

"All of us understand how this team is being perceived," Spoelstra said. "I'd be totally naive if I didn't know what was going on out there. I think it's been good for our group. I don't sense that it's been a

distraction at all. I really think it has brought us closer. We've had a tighter focus and commitment. At times in the locker room, I hear guys kind of joke around about all the swirl that's around."

Count Spoelstra, the third-year Heat coach, among those who are joking about it all.

The Heat might consider that a good sign, considering his job security was front-and-center on the week's radar.

When television cameras captured Heat president Pat Riley folding some handwritten notes into his jacket pocket during the fourth quarter of Miami's loss to Boston on Thursday night, rumor mills went into overdrive. Riley became a Twitter trending topic, amid plenty of anonymous speculation that he would soon replace Spoelstra as coach.

And when James said after that game that him playing "44 minutes is too much," the immediate perception from that constant microscope was that he and Spoelstra were at odds.

Not true, insisted James, who spent part of Friday and Saturday clarifying what he meant.

James and Spoelstra acknowledged that the plan for the Celtics game wasn't for him to play 44 minutes, especially as he recovers from

a shin injury. But the way that game played out forced Spoelstra into keeping the two-time reigning MVP on the floor more than he wanted.

It was that simple, and James accepted and understood the explanation.

"I kind of understand sometimes what Randy Moss was talking about when he said, 'I will not be answering any more questions,'" James said. "Because every time I say something, it gets turned out of character."

Bosh has found that to be the case more than once since he left Toronto for Miami.

The most recent example came Thursday when the All-Star forward revealed that he can follow the Raptors because "I have the package now," referring to the NBA League Pass that allows cable subscribers to see games outside their local market.

For the record, League Pass is available in Canada.

"It was impossible for me because of my building," Bosh said. "I didn't have the good cable."

The reaction in headline form, as it appeared on the Toronto Star website: "Another bogus Bosh beef about Canada."

True, he scorned the nation's basketball core by leav-

ing Canada's lone NBA team for a chance to play with Wade and James, and that rift hasn't healed. Two days after "Cablegate," Bosh was asked if he's regretted any part of deciding to leave the Raptors for the Heat.

The answer came quickly, and it had nothing to do with how he's faring on the court.

"Me having to call Toronto every month to be like, 'No, that didn't happen. I didn't say that. I didn't mean that,'" Bosh said. "That's kind of frustrating at times, because at no time do I want to be made an enemy of every sort. If you move on and make a business decision, you move on."

James talks regularly about how his relationship with Spoelstra is growing, and has even taken to sending him text messages with ideas—and sometimes support—after games. And the notion Riley is lurking to replace Spoelstra is one the Heat try to shrug off, especially after the Hall of Famer took over when Stan Van Gundy stepped down in December 2005.

"We're 6-4 because we haven't executed the game plan," Wade said. "Not because of our coaching staff. They have done an unbelievable job. The perception out there is perception. And that's all it is."

a fast-break layup and a three-point play off a putback to tie it at 68 early in the second half but then went to the bench with his fourth foul just a minute later. Jefferson's three-point play put the Spurs ahead for the first time at 71-70.

Suns 121, Lakers 116

In Los Angeles, Phoenix hit the second most 3-pointers in NBA history to beat Los Angeles.

Jason Richardson scored 34 points and Steve Nash added 21 points and 13 assists for the Suns.

Phoenix was 22 of 40 from 3-point range, just missing the league record of 23 set by Orlando against Sacramento two seasons ago.

It was the Lakers first home defeat this season.

Hawks 111, Timberwolves 105

In Atlanta, the hosts won their first game in five, defeating Minnesota.

Al Horford had 28 points and 10 rebounds despite needing three stitches on the top of his head following a first-quarter collision with Anthony Tolliver and only returning midway through the second.

Josh Smith had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Atlanta.

Michael Beasley led the Timberwolves with 25 points while Kevin Love had 22 points and 17 rebounds in his first game since posting the NBA's first 30 point-30 rebound game since 1982.

Pistons 100, Kings 94

In Sacramento, Detroit won to condemn Sacramento to its fifth consecutive loss.

Rodney Stuckey scored 17 points and Ben Gordon hit a key late 3-pointer for the Pistons, who are gradually recovering from an 0-5 start.

Gordon's 3-pointer from the corner put the Pistons ahead 99-94 with 23.9 seconds left. He finished with 16 points.

Tyreke Evans scored 20 points to lead the Kings.

Rockets 104, Knicks 96

In New York, Houston climbed a little further out of the hole they dug to start the season by beating struggling New York.

Kevin Martin scored 28 points and Luis Scola added 24 for the Rockets, who have won three of four after opening the season with five straight losses. Even without injured starters Yao Ming and Aaron Brooks, they beat the Knicks for the 13th time in 15 meetings.

Amare Stoudemire scored 25 points for New York, which was loudly booed in the fourth quarter of a fifth straight loss. The Knicks missed their first eight shots in the final period to turn this game into a rout.

Chagi Fan leads C-Kingfisher

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Buddies Bar & Grill's Chagi Fan sits comfortably in first place in the C-Kingfisher division of the Saipan Electronic Dart Association.

Chagi Fan, with a 132-93 win-loss card, is starting to pull away from the rest of the field despite suffering a recent 6-9 upset to D'Pirates Bar & Grill's Sang and the Gang last Thursday.

Home team Sang and the Gang won three of the four singles 301 matches, a partners 501 game, and three cricket matches before they swept both partners baseball games to secure the victory. It added the final team 1001 match to its total.

Chagi Fan still holds a nine-game lead over second ranked Team Sabalu (123-102) of Charlie's Bar. Buddies Black Pearls (119-106) sit in third place. Weekly notables include a 158 High-In by Sang and the Gang's Jun Manaloto and a 153 High-Out by Sabalu's Ray Aguon.



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Black Pearls 10, Slow Hand 5

The home team Black Pearls won a pair of singles 301 matches, a wild cricket game, swept both partners 501 contests, and a pair of cricket matches before they swept both partners baseball games for the team victory. They added the final team 1001 game to their total. The Black Pearls' Jay Sablan won all six of his matches.

Sabalu 11, Lucky Shots 4

the swim leg, 1:25:53 in the bike race, and 1:06:51 in the run. Calvo made the under-one-hour mark in the swim part with his 50:13, posted 1:33:34 in the bike leg, and 1:04:55 in the run portion

Home team Sablau won three of the four singles 301 matches, swept both wild cricket games, both partners 501 contests and then took three cricket matches for the team victory. Sabalu also added the final team 1001 match to its total.

CHICHIRIKA DIVISION

One Shot 11, Gaiana C 4

At Bar Gaia, visiting One Shot won three of the four singles 301 matches,

for a total time of 3:28:42.

Japan's Yu Yumoto ruled the A division race with a time of 2:08:54, beating compatriots Taro Shirato (2:10:28) and Yasunori Teramoto (2:18:56).

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Sitchon finished 44th overall with his time of 3:09:53. He recorded 37:09 in

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year gave \$60,000 for Team Marianas' campaign in the 2010 Micronesian Games in Palau. The CNMI sent more than 100 athletes/officials in Palau with each delegate shouldering \$426 of the total cost of the trip, which was estimated at \$1,000.

NMASA foot \$250 of the cost per delegate, shelving out several thousand dollars from its coffers. NMASA does

not receive annual appropriation from the government and relies on members' monthly fees and contributions from private sectors for funding.

For the last Micronesian Games, NMASA devised a payment scheme to help ease the burden from athletes/delegates. A similar measure is implemented for the Pacific Games, as each delegate can make five payments to meet the monetary requirement for the quadrennial event.

The first payment of \$360 is due

next month.

"Please be reminded that the first down payment is due next month during our meeting," White said, adding that interested sports federations could also have fundraisers to help finance their respective trip to New Caledonia.

White is hoping that the CNMI will have more delegates to New Caledonia, as the Commonwealth only sent two sports federations to the 2007 Pacific Games in Apia Samoa. Three

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a 5-5 draw against Green Buck\$ during their last assignment in the round-robin elimination over the weekend at the REM Center to finish with 116 sets won after four weekends of play.

Weeks 1 to 3 leaders, the Black Hawks, had only 112 points, losing the top seeding in the playoffs to the Pink Dynamites. Joining the Top 2 finishers in the semifinals were the Yellow Idols (111 won sets) and the Orange Shuttle Masters (92). Failing to advance to the next round were Green Buck\$ (76), Royale Blue (61), and the Red Hot Chili Shuttlers (54).

The Pink Dynamites boosted their chances for the top seeding in the playoffs when they handed the Black

Hawks their first loss in Week 3, 6-4, and then beat the Red Hot Chili Shuttlers, 8-2, in the same week.

In the final week, the Pink Dynamites drew wins from the pairs of Jeri Hibi and So Young Lee and Kanata Omori and Toshiko Obata and singles players Efen Cacdac, Hibi, and Marlene Peraja to grab the top spot from the Black Hawks.

Also playing in the final week of the elimination round last weekend were Royale Blue, Yellow Idols, Orange Shuttle Masters, and Red Hot Chili Shuttlers.

The Yellow Idols secured the No. 3 spot after a 7-3 triumph over Royale Blue last weekend.

The third-ranked Yellow Idols won four of the first six matches last Friday and nearly swept the remaining

four games last Saturday to barge into the semifinals.

The tandems of Malou Malasarte and In Souk, Hapi Gabriel and Manatsu Omori, and Chris Hilario and Omori blanked their respective foes for the Yellow Idols' 3-0 lead. Then Father Charlie Borja made it a 4-0 tally after downing Jerome Malasarte in the men's singles before Jaja Samonte ended Royale Blue's losing streak with a win over Emily Vargas in the women's singles.

Last Saturday, the Yellow Idol took two more doubles wins courtesy of the pairs of Malou Malasarte and Vargas and Aries Cordero and Borja to secure the match. A singles win by Saul Gargallo against Mario Diola added one more victory to the Yellow Idols' total.

The Orange Shuttle Masters posted a similar 7-3 win over Red Hot Chili

PACQUIAO

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by kneeling down in a neutral corner and saying a prayer of thanks.

The lopsided win gave Pacquiao his eighth title in as many weight classes in a remarkable career that began with him fighting as a light flyweight as a teenager in the Philippines. He was in charge the entire way, battering Margarito so badly that Pacquiao was pleading with the referee to stop the fight in the 11th round so his opponent wouldn't have to take any more punishment.

"I told the referee, 'Look at his eyes, look at his cuts,'" Pacquiao said. "I did not want to damage him permanently. That's not what boxing is about."

No sooner had the judges handed in their tallies, though, than Pacquiao was answering questions about the one fighter he has yet to beat. Mayweather may be the only credible opponent left for Pacquiao, though promoter Bob Arum talked after the fight about a possible bout with Shane Mosley or a third fight against Juan Manuel Marquez.

But the congressman made it clear he was tired of the politics of boxing when it comes to the one fight that matters most.

"I don't want to talk about Floyd Mayweather," Pacquiao said. "If there's a decision I'll take it to Bob Arum."

If Mayweather spent \$65 to watch the pay-per-view he may be even more reluctant to fight Pacquiao than before. He also has legal problems stemming

from an altercation with the mother of his children that could interfere with a possible fight in the spring, but Arum believes that if Mayweather really wants to fight then the bout could be made.

Margarito was supposed to be a rugged test for Pacquiao, if only because he was so much bigger. But it was clear from the opening round that Pacquiao would have no trouble landing punches up the middle even though he gave away eight kilos and 10 centimeters in height.

Margarito advanced forward throughout the fight while trying to land big punches to the head. But he paid a terrible price.

"There was no way I was going to quit," he said. "I'm a Mexican, we fight until the end."

swept both wild cricket games, both partners 501 contests, and then took three of the four cricket matches for the automatic win. They added a partners baseball game to their total.

With a 142-83 win-loss slate, One Shot is way out in front of the pack. Twenty-four games behind in a battle for second place is Jonny's Night Hawks (124-101) and Buddies Kagman 1 (123-102). Notables of the week include a 140 High-In by the Night Hawks' Raymond David and a 160 High-Out by his teammate Ressie Takeda.

Kagman 1 11, Oh! MG 4

At VFW, visiting Kagman 1 took three of the four singles 301 matches, a wild cricket game, both partners 501 contests, and three of the four cricket matches for an easy team victory. They added a partners baseball game and the final team 1001 match to their total.

Night Hawks 12, World-V 3

The home team Night Hawks swept all four singles matches, both wild cricket games and both partners 501 contests to make light work of Gaia's World-V. The Night Hawks went on to add three cricket matches and the final team 1001

The women's A division championship went to Rie Ohara, who clocked in at 2:59:46 to prevail over Mioko Nakada (3:01:59) and Atsuko Suzuki (3:04:22).

years ago, the CNMI competed only in athletics and beach volleyball.

Athletics and beach volleyball are two of the 12 compulsory sports included in the calendar of events in New Caledonia. Completing the list are basketball, indoor volleyball, soccer, golf, weightlifting, swimming, rugby 7's, tennis, table tennis, canoe racing, badminton, baseball, boxing, cricket, powerlifting, handball, judo, karate, squash, surfing, taekwondo, shooting, archery, sailing, and triathlon.

Shuttlers in Week 4 to punch the last ticket to the semis.

Merlie Tolentino and Richard Asuncion gave the Orange Shuttle Masters one victory apiece in the singles division last Friday, while Roger Vales and Malou Mendoza and Ferdie Arago and Tolentino prevailed in their doubles games to give their team the momentum, 4-2, going into the last four games last Saturday.

When the Orange Shuttle Masters-Red Hot Chili Shuttlers tiff resumed, the former swept the first three games to take the win.

In the semis, which started last Sunday, the Orange Shuttle Masters were paired against top seed Pink Dynamites, while the Yellow Idols and Black Hawks duelled in the other Final Four pairing. Results in the semis pairings have yet to be completed at press time.

That end finally came when the bell sounded to mercifully end the 12th round, though the outcome was never in doubt since the middle rounds. Pacquiao seemed to let up in the final round, giving up a possible knockout to take compassion on his opponent.

Back home, where even crime stops when Pacquiao fights, the end touched off celebrations across the country. President Benigno Aquino III, who is attending the APEC summit in Japan, rushed back to his hotel room to catch the bout and sent his congratulations.

Pacquiao's latest win earned him at least \$15 million, some of which he spent to charter a 757 to Dallas to bring in some 200 members of his rapidly growing entourage.



TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	8	2	.800	—
New Jersey	3	6	.333	4 1/2
New York	3	7	.300	5
Philadelphia	2	8	.200	6
Toronto	2	8	.200	6

Southeast Division

Orlando	6	3	.667	—
Atlanta	7	4	.636	—
Miami	6	4	.600	1/2
Charlotte	3	7	.300	3 1/2
Washington	2	6	.250	3 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	5	3	.625	—
Milwaukee	5	5	.500	1
Indiana	4	4	.500	1
Cleveland	4	5	.444	1 1/2
Detroit	4	6	.400	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

New Orleans	8	0	1.000	—
San Antonio	8	1	.889	1/2
Dallas	6	2	.750	2
Memphis	4	6	.400	5
Houston	3	6	.333	5 1/2

Northwest Division

Utah	7	3	.700	—
Denver	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Oklahoma City	5	4	.556	1 1/2
Portland	6	5	.545	1 1/2
Minnesota	3	8	.273	4 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	8	2	.800	—
Golden State	6	4	.600	2
Phoenix	5	4	.556	2 1/2
Sacramento	3	6	.333	4 1/2
L.A. Clippers	1	9	.100	7

Yesterday's Games

Atlanta 111, Minnesota 105
Detroit 100, Sacramento 94
San Antonio 117, Oklahoma City 104
Houston 104, New York 96
Phoenix 121, L.A. Lakers 116

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

N.Y. Jets	7	2	0	.778	208	150
New England	7	2	0	.778	258	214
Miami	5	4	0	.556	172	192
Buffalo	1	8	0	.111	164	245

South

Indianapolis	6	3	0	.667	240	185
Tennessee	5	4	0	.556	241	179
Jacksonville	5	4	0	.556	196	250
Houston	4	5	0	.444	217	257

North

Baltimore	6	3	0	.667	196	165
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667	200	162
Cleveland	3	6	0	.333	172	182
Cincinnati	2	7	0	.222	184	213

West

Oakland	5	4	0	.556	235	188
Kansas City	5	4	0	.556	212	194
San Diego	4	5	0	.444	239	197
Denver	3	6	0	.333	203	252

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

N.Y. Giants	6	3	0	.667	236	193
Philadelphia	5	3	0	.625	198	181
Washington	4	4	0	.500	155	170
Dallas	2	7	0	.222	194	252

South

Atlanta	7	2	0	.778	222	175
New Orleans	6	3	0	.667	201	151
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	188	206
Carolina	1	8	0	.111	104	215

North

Chicago	6	3	0	.667	175	146
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667	221	143
Minnesota	3	6	0	.333	169	195
Detroit	2	7	0	.222	215	202

West

Seattle	5	4	0	.556	166	199
St. Louis	4	5	0	.444	160	164
San Francisco	3	6	0	.333	160	198
Arizona	3	6	0	.333	175	261

Yesterday's Games

Chicago 27, Minnesota 13
Miami 29, Tennessee 17
Buffalo 14, Detroit 12
Jacksonville 31, Houston 24
N.Y. Jets 26, Cleveland 20, OT
Indianapolis 23, Cincinnati 17
Tampa Bay 31, Carolina 16
Denver 49, Kansas City 29
Dallas 33, N.Y. Giants 20
San Francisco 23, St. Louis 20, OT
Seattle 36, Arizona 18
New England 39, Pittsburgh 26

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Triple J, X Team 1 win as masters caging starts

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Triple J Motors won its 45A matchup over Below The Rim, while X Team 1 defeated Brotherhood in 45A play, as the Master Basketball Federation of the Northern Mariana Islands' Memorial Cup

kicked off Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Triple J Motors ran over Below The Rim, 102-72, in the first game.

Tony Diaz waxed hot early as he matched Below The Rim's total output in the first quarter to tow Triple J Motors to a 20-11 advantage.

Diego Masga then scored six points to help Below The Rim



X Team 1 players pose for a group shot after winning their MBFNM Memorial Cup debut over Brotherhood Saturday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Team 1 to help secure the win. Vergara led X Team 1 with 18 points, while Omampo turned in a game-high 20 for Brotherhood in the loss.

The next set of games in the Memorial Cup are set to take place tonight, starting at 6:30pm with a 45A division matchup between Ferrera Builders and Top 45's followed at 8pm by a 40A pairing between Armatech and Eric Atalig's team.

For future reference, Saturday games will feature two 40A matchups as 45A games are to be scheduled only on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. All games will take place at the Oleai Sports Complex.

First Game

Triple J Motors 102 —Diaz 28, Berline 17, Bicara 11, Abedes 10, Villarin 8, Palacios 8, Cosino 7, Masga 7, Pineda 6.

Below the Rim 73 —Lizama 23, Masga 14, Pangelinan 8, Scott 8, Cadag 6, Olivos 6, Irinaka 4, Sablan 2, Zapata 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-11, 40-34, 63-51, 102-73.

Second Game

X-Team 1 77 — Vergara 18, Demapan 14, Villasan 13, Guerrero 12, Camacho 8, Pagsolinan 8, Wei 4.

Brotherhood 63 — Omampo 20, Conti 19, Cruz 7, Deang 6, DL Guerrero 6, Dalusong 5.

Scoring by quarters: 24-11, 43-23, 62-42, 77-63.

Hit It slams Kingz in HS Rocball

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The fall season of the 2010-2011 Rocball High School League is now anybody's game, as last week's cellar dweller Hit It stunned erstwhile leader Kingz, 38-33, at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

It was Hit It's first win in four games after dropping all its assignments in the first round. Kingz fell to an even 2-2 record, losing the lead in the four-



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The Sounders' J.R. Gechig was the game's heavy hitter, scoring 15 points against the debuting Salty during the Rocball community league last Saturday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

team field to Magic (3-1).

Hit It gave Kingz an early wake-up call, as the former took the opening set convincingly, 18-5. Kingz then stood up and won the second set, 17-3, to tie the game at 22-all. However in the deciding third set, Hit It was everywhere to eke out a 16-11 triumph and complete the upset. Kingz started the third set on a wrong foot, getting penalized off a service error and never recovered from thereon.

Isaiah Laniyo led Hit It's entry to the win column, making nine points off two kees, one ace, and one goal.

In the other game in the high school league last week, Magic regained the solo lead after a

big 50-17 win over Yo Face.

Magic swept Yo Face (1-3) in three sets, 16-7, 19-5, and 15-5, to recover from a 38-51 loss to Kingz and reclaim the No. 1 spot in the team standings.

Joemil Lisua paced Magic with 10 points to take the heavy hitter honors. He logged four aces and one kee.

Salty joins community league

Meanwhile, the community league has a new team in Salty and one more squad is expected to join the weekend competition soon.

Salty debuted in the league via a tune-up game against the Sounders last Saturday. The Sounders, who are composed of Rocball veteran players, were given a good fight by the newcomers with the former needing an overtime to pull off a win.

Since it was Salty's first game in the league, the match was modified with teams playing in a race to 15 points per set instead of 25. The game was shortened from four to three sets. A race-to-25 game usually last for more than one hour, as Rocball, unlike the regular scoring in other sports uses deduction when a team makes a certain error.

The Sounders' J.R. Gechig was named heavy hitter of the tune-up match, scoring 15 points off three kees, two aces, one xunk, and one goal.

The Sounders played back-to-back games last weekend, as they also collided against the Soul Rebels in the second match.

The Soul Rebels then kept their unbeaten record after juicing out the Sounders, 59-39. A juiced-out win is awarded to a team that won the fourth and last set and also had the lead after the match.

Rodney Rosario paced the Soul Rebels with 21 points and earned the heavy hitter of the game award. He connected on six aces, two kees, one goal, and one xunk.

The Soul Rebels, Sounders, and Salty are now awaiting the entry of Tamino's Tigers to make the league a four-team competition.

The champion of the community league will be challenging the top finisher in the high school league for the overall championship.

cut the deficit to six points, 34-40, at halftime.

Triple J Motors did a good job of both rebounding and sharing the ball and retained its double-digit margin, 63-51, heading into the final quarter.

Below The Rim was gassed after three quarters, while Triple J Motors put it in extra gear to blow the game wide open at the finish.

Diaz and Bruce Berline combined for 19 points in the fourth to drive the final nail in

the coffin of their opponents. Diaz led all scorers with 28 points, while Below The Rim's Ray Lizama turned in a team-high 23 in the loss.

In the second game, X Team 1 beat Brotherhood 77-63.

The team jumped to an early 24-11 lead in the first quarter with Butch Vergara leading the scoring with eight points.

X Team 1 then went on a run in the second quarter and took a 20-point lead at the half, 43-23. Vergara added six more to his

total to pace X Team 1, while Lambo Omampo led Brotherhood with seven markers in the opening half.

Both teams traded baskets in the third quarter and X Team 1 maintained its 20-point margin, 62-42, with a quarter to go. Dave Camacho led X Team 1 with five points in the third, while Noel Conti tallied seven markers in the third for Brotherhood.

George Villasan scored six points in final period for X

Sonics, Rollers A and B top rivals in U15

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The Sonics along with the Rollers A and B squads won their respective U15 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League matchups last Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

In the first game, Rollers A routed G-Stars, 63-35. The team built an early 12-6 lead over G-Stars in a relatively competitive opening period.

Then in the second quarter Rollers A stretched its lead to 13 points, 23-10. The G-Stars offense was held to only five buckets in the first half as Stacy Escueta and Darrel Saurez scored six points apiece to lead Rollers A.

Rollers A piled it on after the break as well. Rollers A's Renan Lansang tallied 10 markers in the third as this matchup was already out of hand by the start of the last quarter as they led by 30, 47-17.

Rollers A scored more points in the third period than in the entire opening frame and went on to cruise to an easy victory. Rollers A's Escueta led all scorers with 18 points, while the G-Star's Ankie Manalili and Marc Venus each managed 10 points

apiece in the loss.

The second game was tight at the beginning but Rollers B eventually rose to the top in a 53-36 win against sister team Rollers C.

Rollers B managed a 12-6 lead in the first quarter. Then in the second, Rollers B gashed Rollers C and jumped ahead by 18 points, 31-13, at halftime.

Dixon Kwon and Will Camacho combined for 17 points in the second quarter for Rollers B, while their team's defense contained Rollers C to just 13 points in the first frame. Jon Darag scored all seven points for Rollers C in the second quarter.

Rollers B then only produced six points after the break, which allowed Rollers C to briefly creep back into the game. Darag added five more points for Rollers C in the third to help his boys get back to within 26-37 heading into the final period.

In the end, Rollers B bit down and finished the last quarter strong. Kwon and Camacho combined for 25 points to lead Rollers B in the contest, while Darag turned in a game-high 15 in the loss.

In the third game the Sonics ran up the scoreboard on the Ol'Aces' five-man skeleton crew to win 80-21.

The Sonics scored 28 points in the opening period, which was



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The Sonics' James Estrada cherry picks a turnover against Ol'Aces during their U15 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League matchup Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

more than Ol'Aces managed to produce all game. Eleven out of the 12 Sonics team members all contributed to the action.

The Sonics were supposed to play the Runnin' Rebels, but since they no-showed,

five available players from the Ol'Aces stepped up to the challenge. The Sonics' onslaught resulted in the landslide victory. Jack Aranda and Bryl Alegre combined for 27 markers for the Sonics and Jake Ray led Ol'Aces with seven points.

First Games

Rollers A 63 — Escueta 18, Lansang 11, Saurez 8, D Camacho 6, Diaz 6, A Hambros 6, Mancao 4, Talion 4.

G-Stars 35 —Manalili 10, Venus 10, Tristan 6, Adriel 5, Bai 4.

Scoring by quarters: 12-6, 23-10, 47-17, 63-35.

Second Game

Rollers B 53 — Kwon 13, W Camacho 12, Pangelinan 8, Capoyon 6, Factor 5, DL Guerrero 4, Yatsui 3, Ano 2.

Rollers C 36 — Darag 15, Lerion 6, Iglecias 4, Yap 4, Jones 3, Reyes 2, Rivero 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-6, 31-13, 37-26, 53-36.

Third Game

Sonics 80 — Aranda 14, Alegre 13, De Guzman 10, Reyes 10, Estrada 7, Salem 6, Villanueva 6, Aguilar 5, Andrew 4, Ecalnea 2, Mizer 2.

Ol'Aces 21 — Ray 7, Castro 6, Paul 4, Phillip 4.

Scoring by quarters: 28-4, 44-6, 61-11, 80-21.



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Pats past Steelers

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Saipan triathletes complete Rota Blue

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A small group of Saipan triathletes completed the Japanese-dominated 17th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon with two of its members rounding out the Top 10 of last Saturday's event.

Leading the group was Butch Sublemente, who finished third in the lung-busting B division race with a time of five hours, 31 minutes, and 53 seconds.

The 38-year-old triathlete finished at 1:06:46 in the two-kilometer swim in the waters off Rota's East Harbor, 2:36:34 in the 90-km rigorous bike race, and 1:48:33 in the 21-km run.

Joining Sublemente in the longer race of the day was Kagman High School teacher Michael Towle, who placed sixth overall with a time of 6:05:14.



From left, Saipan triathletes Daniel Calvo, Joshua Berger, Michael Towle, Manny Sitchon, and Butch Sublemente pose for a photo before the start of the swim leg of the 17th Annual Rota Blue Triathlon last Saturday.

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The 27-year-old triathlete submitted 1:06:49 in the swim leg, 3:03:22 in the bike portion, and 1:55:03 in the run part.

Japan's Eri Miyazawa was the overall B division top finisher with a time of 5:17:43, beating male triathlete and men's division winner Takahiro Miyazawa (5:18:55). Completing the Top 3 in the men's division was Maasaki Sato (5:19:33). In the women's division, rounding out the Top 3 were runner-up Masako Miyauchi (6:37:28) and Tomoko Oda (6:53:18).

Thirty-one signed up for the B division race, 29 were from Japan and two did not finish.

Sublemente and Towle's fellow Saipan triathletes—Joshua Berger, Manny Sitchon, and Daniel Calvo joined the shorter A division event.

Berger was the best finisher among the three, clocking in at 3:02:42 for 33rd place out of about 90 triathletes. Berger logged 36:57 in the 1.5-km swim, 1:25:02 in the 40-km bike, and 1:00:43 in the 10-km run.

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NMASA requests for financial aid for Pacific Games

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With less than a year before the CNMI competes in the 2011 Pacific Games, Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association has requested for financial assistance from the government for the Commonwealth's trip to Noumea, New Caledonia.

The Pacific Games will run from Aug. 27 to Sept. 10 with 28 sports lined up for the quadrennial event.

NMASA pegged the cost for the Noumea trip at \$1,800 per delegate. NMASA president Michael White said the \$1,800 will stay unless they can get financial assistance from the government. He added that last



The CNMI Team, seen here waiting for the start of the opening ceremony of the 7th Micronesian Games in Palau in August, will be needing financial aid for its campaign in the 2011 Pacific Games in Noumea, New Caledonia.

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month he sent a letter to the Legislature through Rep. Ramon Tebuteb, asking for finan-

cial help for the Pacific Games. "Hopefully, we could get one as our NMASA funds are now

depleted," White said.

The government in July this

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Pink Dynamites lead semis cast

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The Pink Dynamites won five more games in the last week of the elimination round to lead the Final Four cast in the 4th Annual Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament.

The Pink Dynamites forced

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The Pink Dynamites' Efen Caccac goes for a backhand return during a semis game against the Orange Shuttle Masters in the Traders Insurance badminton tournament last weekend at the REM Center.

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Pacquiao may not need Mayweather anymore

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Manny Pacquiao was more concerned with the set list for his upcoming concert than he was with Floyd Mayweather Jr.

The fight every boxing fan wants to see may never happen, but Pacquiao had a firm date to sing at Lake Tahoe before heading home and taking up his more formal duties as a congressman in the Philippines.

All was well early Sunday after Pacquiao cemented his claim as boxing's best by giving

Antonio Margarito such a brutal beating that he went to the hospital.

Margarito remained in the hospital on Sunday and promoter Bob Arum said the boxer has a broken right eye socket and will have surgery Tuesday in Texas.

About the only problem for Pacquiao was that he couldn't sign autographs for adoring fans because he had trouble holding a pen.

"My hands are swollen and they really hurt," Pacquiao said.

Small wonder, considering Pacquiao had just

spent 12 rounds bouncing those hands off of Margarito's head. He hit Margarito from almost every angle and with stunning accuracy, closing both his eyes and bloodying his face while dominating every round of their WBC light middle-weight title fight.

It was a virtuoso performance, though not terribly surprising since boxing fans have come to expect that from the little superstar. Size never mattered on a night when speed ruled and the crowd of 41,734 at Cowboys Stadium roared at every combination.

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Pacquiao's mother got so caught up in the excitement that she briefly fainted as the fight ended. Most everyone else stayed upright, watching in delight as Pacquiao finished off a night's work

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